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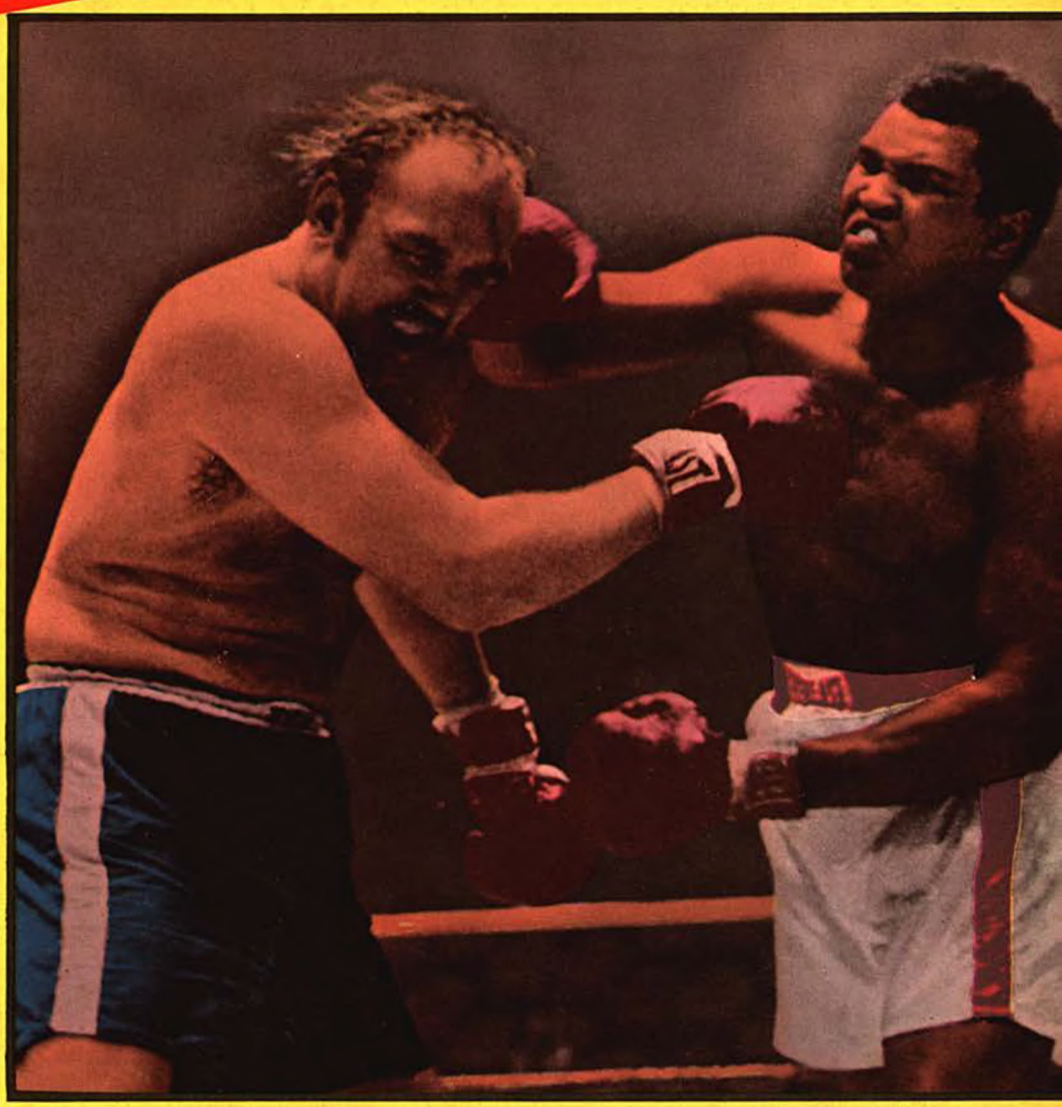

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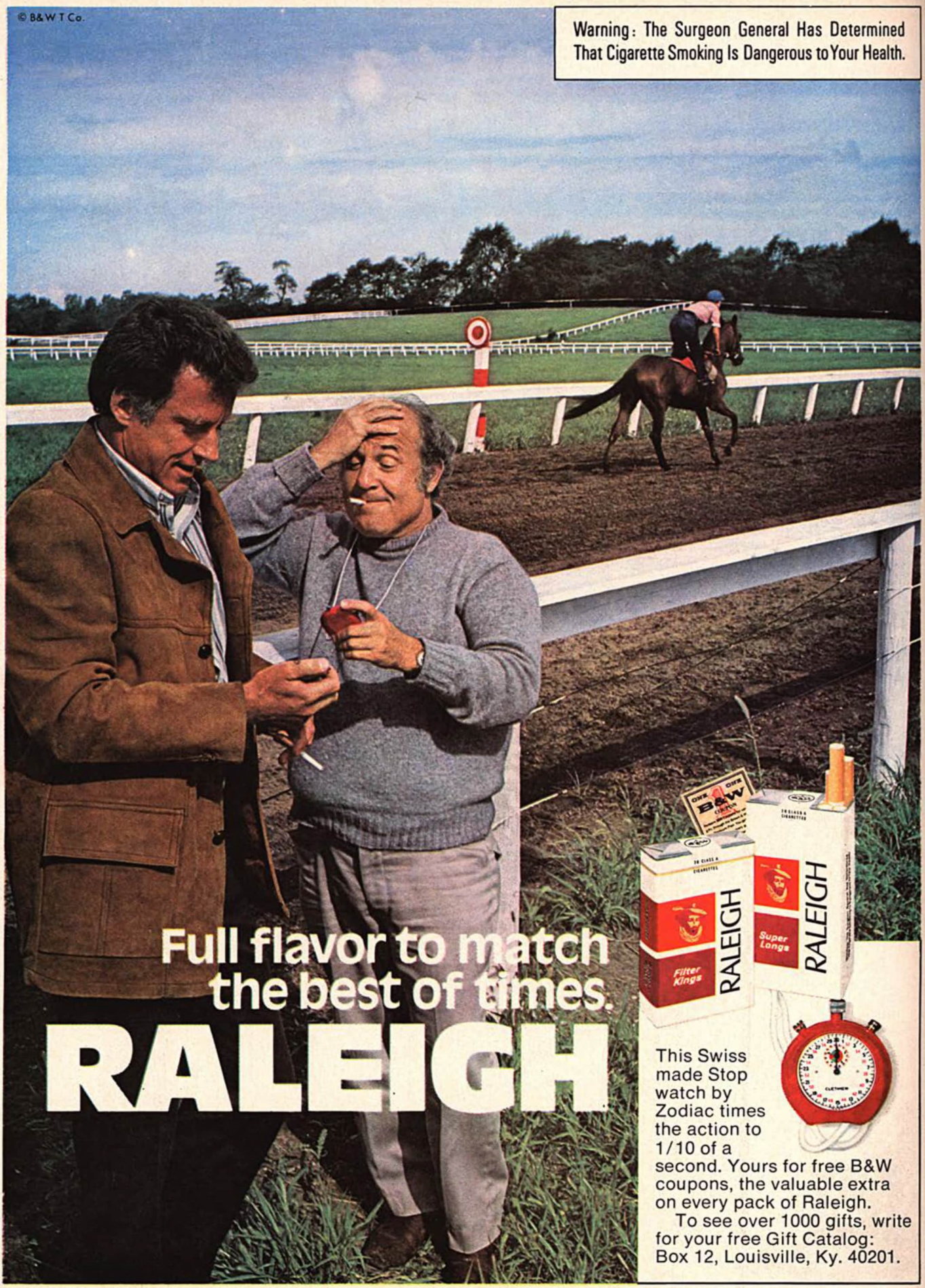

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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BRAGGADOCIO is out of place in boxing or any other sport. The sportsmanlike attitude is always in order. It was lacking in the tone which Roberto Duran, lightweight champion of the world, after he had knocked out Ray Lampkin in the fourteenth round.

Lampkin not only was stopped but he fell back on his head with such force that he lost consciousness for an hour after he had been rushed to a hospital.

Generous reaction of the winner would have deplored the mishap and given to Lampkin credit for having put up a creditable fight.

But Duran announced that he had not been in his best form and would have knocked out the American much earlier had he been trained to the minute.

Fortunately statements of that sort are heard seldom enough.

The critic might ask why Duran was not trained to a condition which he would have called his best form.

If better condition would have given Duran an earlier victory, why wasn't he in better condition? Lampkin was a highly rated opponent and worthy of high respect as a contender.

The cold fact is that Duran is in a class by himself as the outstanding lightweight and if harder training and better condition would make Roberto even more formidable, let's have him at his crest the next time he defends the world title.

Duran's skill points up the fact that he is one of the coterie of greats to be found in the collection of world title holders of the present time.

Duran may establish a reputation akin to that of Jose Napoles and Carlos Monzon.

The Ring would like to see Monzon defend his world middleweight championship in the United States, where he has yet to show his class.

Angelo Dundee recently stressed the danger of judging a fighter by his showing on the video screen.

Dundee said, "I saw Monzon fight five times via television and formed a rather poor opinion of his skill. Then I was in Napoles' corner when he made his futile effort against Monzon, and discovered that the South American was a truly top fighter, for all time."

The fact is that the collection of world title holders now reigning includes some of the finest punchers we have had in many years.

Latin Americans warn us that one of the hidden virtuosos of the ring is Antonio Cervantes, of Colombia, the junior welter champion of the world.

It would be interesting to see Cervantes fight Hector Thompson, of Australia.

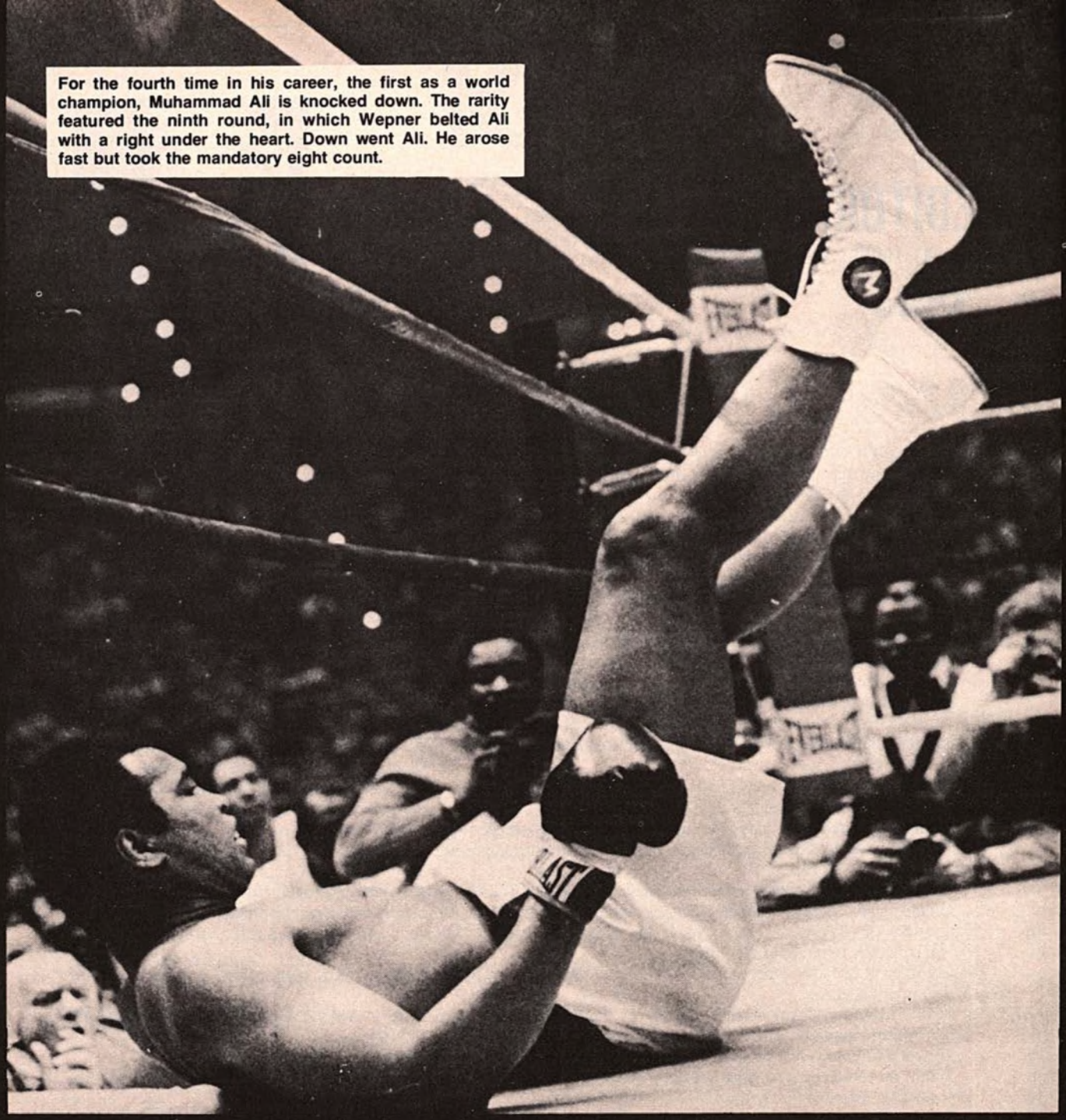
While on the subject of great fighters, we would like to advert to the pleasant result of the first official all time poll held by The Ring recently.

The pleasant reception of this poll, especially in the heavyweight class, has gratified The Ring greatly and has brought high commendation from critics all over the world. It was surprising to find Joe Louis leading the heavyweight selections with Jack Dempsey in second place.

It was a shock to the followers of Dempsey to find their favorite outvoted by Joe but there was no element of the fluke about the result of the voting.

Dempsey supporters were inclined to blame the fact that so few of the followers of boxing had seen Jack in action. There is no doubt but that many more of those voting had seen more of Louis than of Dempsey.

However, the poll was a close one, albeit a conclusive one.



For the fourth time in his career, the first as a world champion, Muhammad Ali is knocked down. The rarity featured the ninth round, in which Wepner belted Ali with a right under the heart. Down went Ali. He arose fast but took the mandatory eight count.

WEPNER'S GAMENESS DOMINANT FACTOR AS HE ALMOST GOES LIMIT WITH STILL GREAT ALI

By NAT LOUBET

THE COLISEUM, situated halfway between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio, was the scene of the knockout of Chuck Wepner by Muhammad Ali with only 19 seconds left in the 15th round of their world heavyweight title fight.

Wepner, listed as a 10 to one underdog, with little in the way of betting accepted by the professional gamblers, was a man with a fair right hand and a yard of sheer unmitigated guts.

The man from Bayonne, New Jersey, at 225 pounds, was in there trying every minute of every round until his will no longer would carry his body. At 2:41 of the 15th round, he went to the canvas as much from the exhaustion of futile effort and wild swinging as from the series of left and rights that he received from a savage two-fisted attack mounted by the champion.

The 14,849 fans at the Coliseum witnessed a fight that went from pure boredom to a Pier Six slugfest.

Ali, at 223½ pounds, 33 years old, was heavy around the middle. He weighed only 210½ when he won the title from Sonny Liston back in 1964 and most of his better fights in which he was the dancing master with hands that darted with blinding speed saw Ali come in under the 215 pound weight.

In his fight with Wepner, was he the man of old? The super star? No, time has taken its toll of one of the century's best fighting machines. Ali shows flashes, like quick snapshots, of blinding speed and seemingly effortless two-fisted combinations, but these instances are separated by periods of standing flat-footed taking all an opponent can offer in the guise of wearing his adversary down. If the truth be known, Ali is not the finely oiled fighting machine with the grace of a ballet dancer and the attack of a cobra that he once was. There are times in which his roar is a meow.

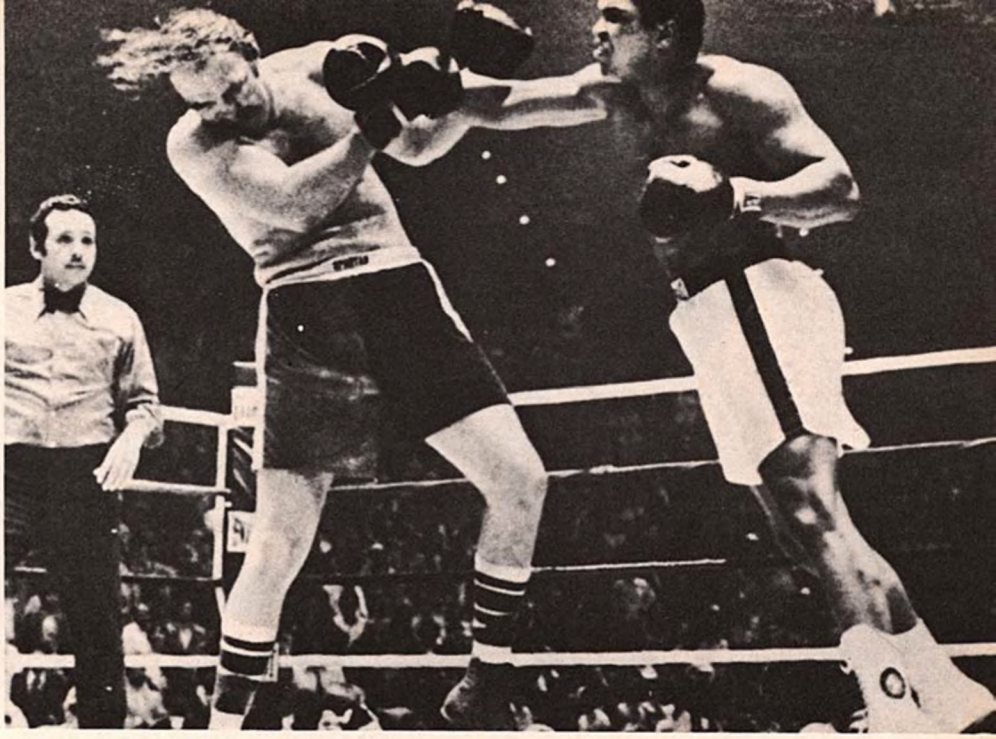
Nevertheless, Muhammad Ali is still the best heavyweight around and with the possible exception of Joe Frazier there is no fighter to be compared with him.

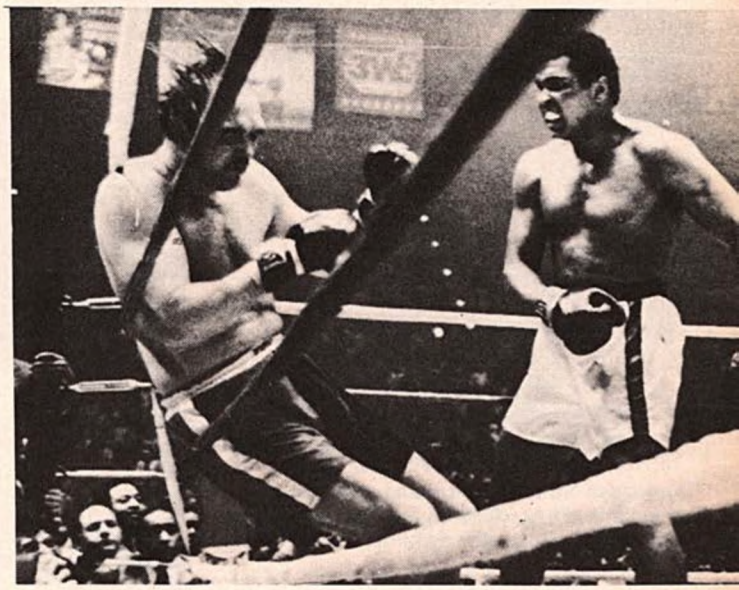
He states that he would like to fight another 10 years. He also allows rumors to leak before each fight that he is on the verge of retirement.

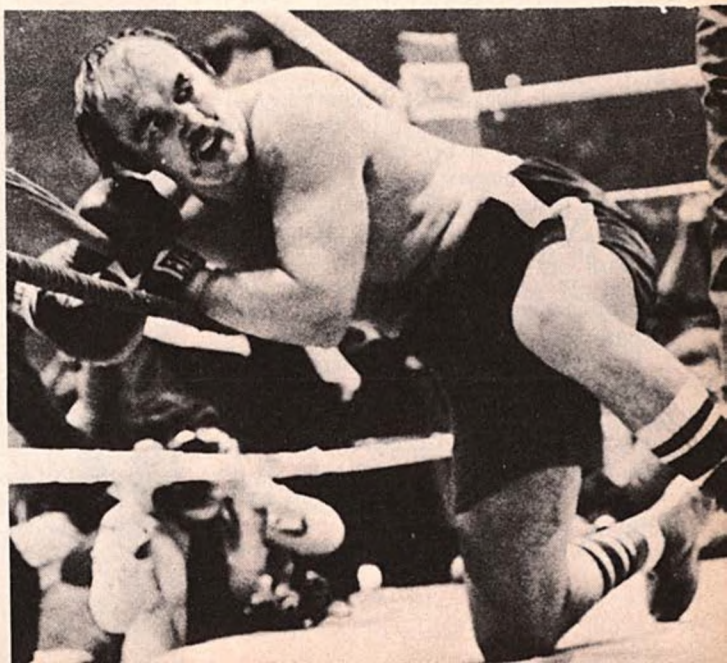
He will probably continue to bang his way through his mass of contenders, Joe Bugner, Ron Lyle, Ken Norton, George Foreman and eventually Joe Frazier, until that evening comes when he is drained of too much of his greatness and the sands of time drag him away from his crown.

Just how good was Ali in his first defense of the title he won from George Foreman in Zaire?

In the first round he went back to the style so reminiscent of his pre Oscar Bonavena form. He also knocked out Oscar in 15 rounds after a brilliant display of boxing







The top shot shows Wepner nearing the end of his dramatic adventure. It is the fifteenth round and he just has been belted with a damaging right.

The middle frame has Wepner moving fast toward the last scene of his adventure. Ali has belted him with a telling right to the jaw and the ropes are saving Chuck from a fall. The bottom photograph has caught Chuck down and out, one knee on the canvas with referee Tony Perez counting over the exhausted loser. At 9 Wepner made it to his feet but the referee halted the fight to prevent any serious injury to the challenger.

The top scene shows Muhammad complaining to referee Perez that Wepner is using the forbidden rabbit punch, a blow to the back of the head. The referee did not seem to entertain the yammer and, later said that Ali had been equally guilty.

The lower shot shows Ali holding Chuck around the neck with his right and whaling away with the left. The press crew think it is funny. Cassius seems to be worried and highly excited.

back in his second fight on the comeback trail in 1970. He was up on his toes, moving, jabbing and smooth as he glided around the ring. But this style was ineffective against the crowding, wild swinging Wepner, who landed just enough of his hard rights to the body and came out just a little bit better in the clinches and infighting than did the champ.

In this round Ali was subjected to a series of what is known as rabbit punches, blows to the back of the head, and he retaliated with some of his own. Referee Tony Perez, of New York, warned Wepner and Ali, as he did again in the fourth round, but as the referee stated later both fighters were doing it and it all evened out.

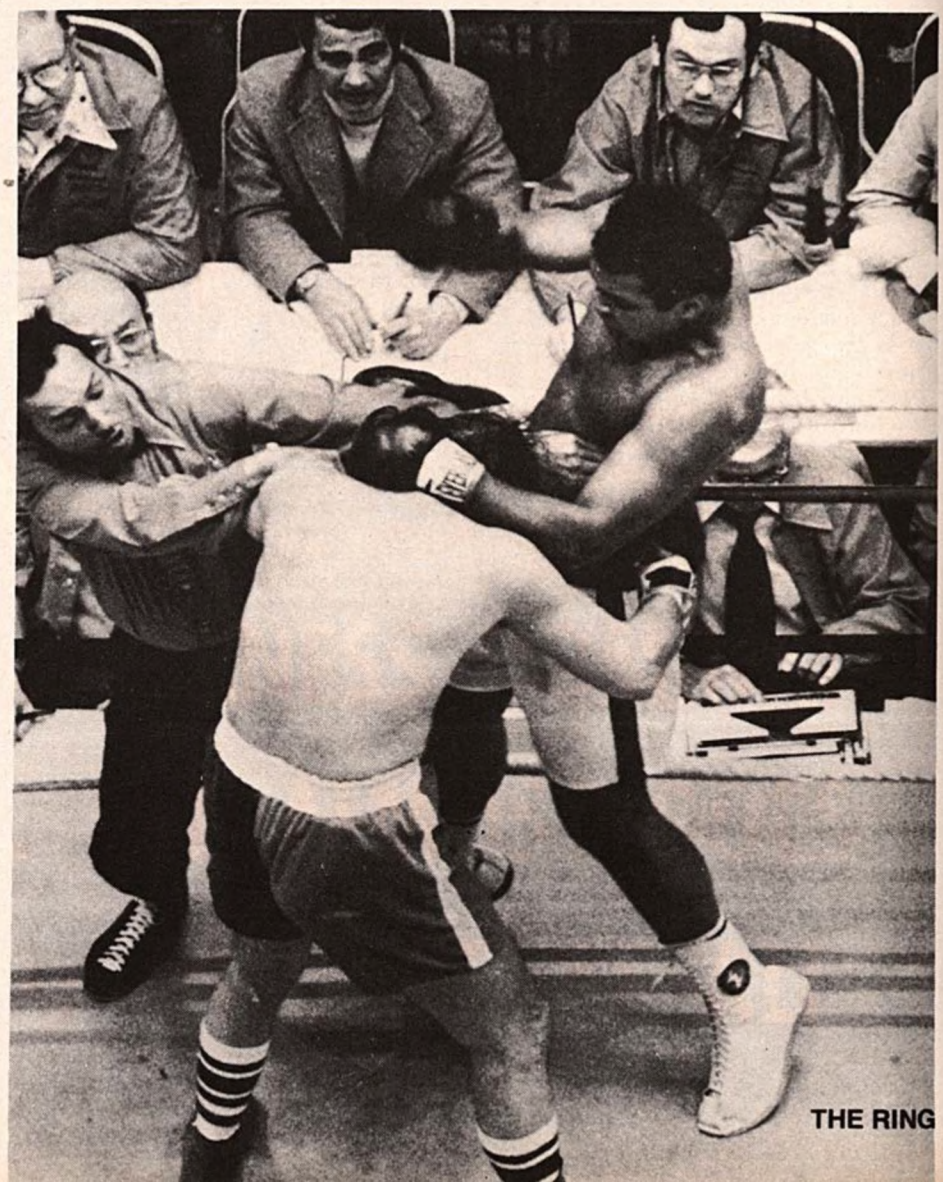
Ali disputed this assessment of the situation and after the fight chastized Tony for the job he did, said he did not want him ever again to referee any of his bouts, calling him a "dirty dog."

In rebuttal, Tony said, "I believe that Ali was attempting to cover up for the fact that he was unable to do better with Wepner and is looking for someone to be the goat."

As the fight progressed through the middle rounds, Ali came down off of his toes and faced an ever-crowding challenger who moved in regardless of the jabs that smothered him until Ali would be pinned against the ropes or penned into a corner.

He fought without smiles, determined and scowling, except in the fourth round when he leaned back over the ropes in his own corner so that Angelo Dundee, his trainer, and Wepner could hear and said, as he winked, "I think that blank blank is really tired."

This is all part of the Ali act and it served



no purpose with Wepner, who only bore in having his face altered by Ali's sharp shooting but managing to land some good blows to the body and obviously taking all that Ali could give.

In the later rounds Ali once again went from the flat stance to that of a stick and mover. Stab, paw and jab while he moved away from Wepner's only serious threat, a sweeping right hand.

In the ninth round one of these long rights hit Ali in the right side as he was moving along the ropes, slightly off balance, and down went the champ. Ali was up immediately but had to take the mandatory eight count.

He later stated that he had tripped on his own foot but the referee called it a knockdown and such it will remain.

By the 12th round it was all over and the only question in anyone's mind was whether the courageous Wepner, willing to take any amount of punishment for his chance at the heavyweight title and all its rewards, could go the distance. He almost made it until a flurry of lefts and rights ended his dreams and sent him to a hospital to have the cuts over his eyes sewn.

It was in the eighth round that Chuck's eyes were marked by Ali's left jabs and a cut began to bleed but not copiously enough to put Weptner into jeopardy. There was little danger of having the referee halt the fight.

The surprise to most boxing followers was that Wepner, oft termed "The Bayonne Bleeder" due to the ease with which he had usually been cut in fights, went through half the fight before his face began to lump up and then cut.

Wepner has no reason to feel anything but proud of the fight he made. He certainly proved that the fight was not a mismatch. He also proved he was no bum as so many had said while scoffing at the bout. He also proved that despite the evident slippage in the ability of Ali, that Muhammad is just too much fighter for Wepner, too much in every department, except heart.

Ali certainly outclassed Wepner and was the taciturn technician who kept promising the onlookers that now is the time, now I will put him away! But up to the 15th session it just never happened.

Rounds slipped by and it was hard to understand why. Never was a man wider open than was Wepner but despite every shot thrown by the champ Wepner kept answering the bell.

The official score cards under the 10 point must system showed that the judge Jackie Keough had it 136 to 129 for Ali, judge Sam Taormina tabbed it 138 to 129 for Ali and referee Tony Perez called it 135 to 129—Ali. Perez stated that in rounds he had it 9 to 5, excluding the 15th and final stanza. The writer had it 12 to 2, excluding the 15th round.

Al Braverman, manager of the 35-year-old Wepner would like another shot at Ali and don't be surprised if it happens. Funnier things have come to pass.

This is a portrait of agony and frustration. Wepner shows cuts and a desperate feeling of failure, knocked out with only 19 seconds to go in his 15 round effort to go the limit with the champion of the world in what had been derided as a mismatch with odds of 10 to 1.

There is a lot of maneuvering and bidding for Ali's next defense. Mike Burke of Madison Square Garden is attempting to get Bugner, perhaps as part of a double header with Ken Buchanan and the world lightweight champion, Roberto Duran. Mickey Duff, top British promoter, would like to see Ali in with Bugner in England but says there isn't sufficient money in that locale.

Bob Arum of Top Rank is attempting to go after the next Ali defense and Don King, promoter of the Coliseum Miracle is fairly sure that he is in with Ali on any future plans. He, along with Hank Schwartz and Barry Burnstein, run the Video Techniques, Inc., lash up. CBS is also interested in spot shows to move them into the boxing business but the price must be right.

Then there is Loren Casini, of London, Ontario, who has been behind closed television deals for some years and would like a crack at the money bag. He says he still has a five million lawsuit going against George Foreman for breach of contract.

This is all like the musical chairs game. If it is Bugner next, and it seems fairly sure, where? Cairo, Chicago, New York, Vegas?

And what has happened to Eddie Futch and company, Joe Frazier? Joe wants another crack at Ali and eventually will have his way. But when? Futch says he will put Joe into a fight in June with a top heavyweight with the exception of Ken Norton, because the men are close friends.

George Foreman is out in the cold for the moment but should get into the act from the wings of the theatre as the contenders thin down. Now that Jerry Quarry is out of the picture Ken Norton is very much "in."

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FOUR MILLION IN COMMERCIALS CAN'T CARRY BIG FIGHT, CBS REVEALS

By DAN DANIEL

Video Technique's Don King was the man who put together the $11 million Ali-Foreman contest held in Zaire last October. King is also working on the Ali-Bugner to take place later this year.

A MORE tolerant attitude toward boxing by the Muslim organization after the recent death of commander Elijah Muhammad may bring more frequent action by Muslim Muhammad Ali. Maybe!

At the time of Elijah's death, the Muslim treasury was reported to have reached 80 million dollars. How much came through the ring efforts of Ali cannot be computed.

Ali's next fight may be held in London or Chicago with Joe Bugner, the champion of Europe. Joe and Ali met once before, in Las Vegas, in February 1973 and developed quite a surprise. The contest went the advertised 12 rounds and Bugner gave Ali almost as much as Muhammad gave the naturalized Briton.

A second battle with Bugner would not be a breeze for Ali. Unless Bugner had one of his erratic nights, and they come too often.

There have been several bidders for an Ali-Bugner affair, and one of them was CBS TV.

There has been a lot of haggling over terms which left that fight out of the reach of CBS.

Ali wants millions to fight Bugner and so far there have been no eager grabbers.

Zaire contaminated heavyweight boxing moneywise and it will take some time to clear the situation of the disease.

Ali may have to look to the Moslem oil nations if he sticks to his notions of millions.

In the meantime it may be said with emphasis that Madison Square Garden is out of the picture.

It has discussed monthly arrangements with CBS and other likely sponsors but money problems, aggravated by New York State's tax situation, have harassed Mike Burke to the point of frustration.

The climactic fight undoubtedly will bring Ali and Joe Frazier together for the third time but that will have to wait until 1976.

George Foreman has moved out of the American picture by taking on a circus type of affair in which he met five heavies in one night in Toronto.

This unprecedented attraction has strengthened the belief that George is not eager to fight a worthy foe like Ali and that there still may be legal entanglements barring his appearing in the United States.

It is reported that the legal battle in Philadelphia, resulting from Sandy Sadler's overselling his then title aspirant, has not been settled, after all.

The Ali-Frazier No. 3 has already stirred up a lot of rivalry, none of it involving New York, none of it concerning the United States.

Rumor has Egypt bidding for Ali and Joe with the help of funds contributed by the oil nations. Cairo wants the fight.

Kuwait has left the field because of lack of a stadium. But Teheran has taken its place.

There is both an arena and money in Teheran. Little old New York has the arena but it is out of the picture moneywise. There is no Jack Kent Cooke to come to the Garden's aid this time, as he did for the first Ali-Frazier fight.

The ABC announcement of the Foreman vs Five opponents in one night, revealed the development of a TV fighting war between that organization and CBS, which scheduled the Connors-Newcombe "heavyweight championship" tennis match as a counter attraction to the "battle royal."

When interviewed in CBS headquarters, Clarence Cross and Frank Chirkanian, who run the sports division of the TV enterprise, said that the counter-attractions were not intended to happen on the same day.

However, the fact remains that CBS and ABC have become rivals for major boxing events.

CBS televised the recent Duran-Lampkin fight in Panama.

It was a big TV as well as fistic success and there is talk of a return match. Prominent in this conversation is ABC, and if this isn't evidence of a war, the boxing experts are cross-eyed.

The talk with Cross and Chirkanian brought out the fact that CBS cannot become involved in any attraction which would run into impossible funds.

They pointed out that closed circuit televising of a big fight would involve too big a financial risk for CBS to handle.

Cross said that the most a title fight would bring in would be four million dollars with the gate excluded.

He said that commercials would gross four million at $200,000 a minute.

Out of the four million would have to come the guarantees to the fighters, expenses entailed in building a selling organization, arena costs and other outlays.

It is well known that the Zaire affair, in which Ali and Foreman

Frank Chirkanian of C.B.S. sports feels that they do not want to put on a "Bum of The Month" series, just to bring boxing back to T.V. Frank feels that the C.B.S. Duran-Lampkin bout from Panama was one of the best done T.V. boxing shows!

Above: former heavyweight champion George Foreman clowns around with Bob Hope last year on Bob's T.V. show. Hope's name was omitted from the list of names for George's five in one night special in Toronto, Canada.

received five million dollars each, was a financial flop. The reported loss to the Zaire government was six million dollars but the actual deficit is said to have been more than seven million.

The talk with Cross and Chirkanian brought out the CBS desire to enter into a deal with a promoter who would put on monthly fights at 11:30 P.M. with the contestants being forced to pass a CBS okay.

Talks with Mike Burke of the Garden ran afoul.

As a consequence of this outcome and other setback, the Garden right now is without a coming attraction of any importance.

Cross indicated that CBS did not regard boxing as being composed only of heavyweight title fights. He said he favored showing great fighters of lighter classes.

Chirkanian was not very hot for the kind of over-exposure which sometime back had three televised fight cards every week.

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Joe Bugner takes it the chin from Muhammad Ali in their first bout held in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 14, 1973. Ali won a 12 round decision, in a dull contest.

Ray Lampkin, left, blocks a hard left from lightweight champion Roberto Duran, right, early in their title contest in Panama City. Duran could not land any telling blows until the 11th round.

LAMPKIN KAYOED BY DURAN IN CHAMP'S TOUGHEST FIGHT

By JOHN ORT

PANAMA CITY, PAN.—Roberto Duran, 134½, Panama, retained his world lightweight title by kayoing Portland, Oregon's Ray Lampkin, 133½, at 39 seconds of the 14th round.

Duran, one of THE RING's all-time greats in his division, was pressed by the determined No-1 contender. This was the longest Roberto had to go in defense of his title.

The contest started fast with Duran coming forward and Lampkin moving side to side, boxing the bomb-throwing champ. A world-wide T.V. audience of over 40 million, watching on C.B.S. TV in the U.S., was surprised by Lampkin's showing. After the first ten rounds the "Man from Portland" was ahead on most scorecards, except for the three Panamanian judges. Ray boxed the champ's ears off, moving in and out, hitting to the head and body with lefts and rights.

Lampkin shocked everyone, including Duran, when he stepped inside the champ and slugged it out with him, holding his own.

Roberto, looking confused by the talent and strength of THE RING's No-1 contender, kept coming forward throwing the bombs that would end the bout.

From the 11th round on the heat of almost 100 degrees in the stadium started to take its toll of both boxers. Neither man would slow the pace, but Lampkin started to feel it more than the native-born Duran. Ray moved slower and began to get hit with Duran's wild punches. Lampkin suffered a cut over the right eye and a welt under the other.

The moment of truth came at 39 seconds of the 14th when Duran hit Lampkin with a left hook to the side of the body which stopped Ray dead in his tracks and caused him to drop his hands. Roberto then hit him with a right to the jaw, which put the challenger down for the 10 count.

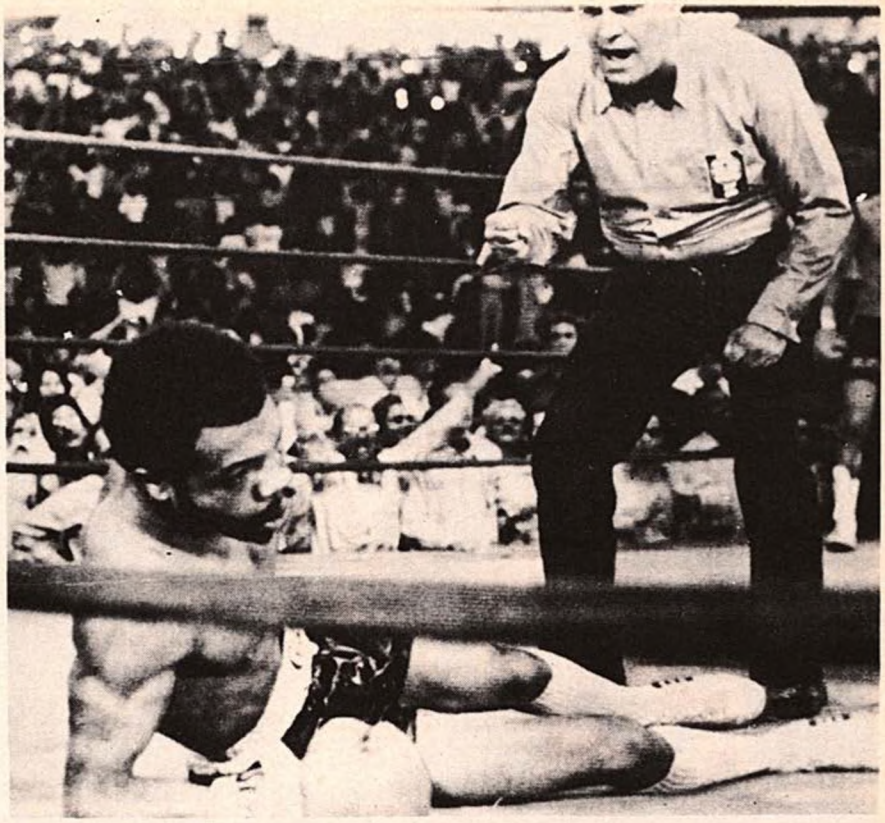
When he hit the floor, Lampkin struck his head on the canvas with such force that his head actually bounced. He was carried from the ring unconscious and taken to the hospital where he remained for five days, going through tests to make sure he had no head injuries. The doctors said he would be fine in a couple of months and could resume his career.

The real story of this bout is the odds Ray Lampkin, American Lightweight King, had to face in his quest of Duran's crown.

Ray arrived in Panama seven days before the bout from the 30 degree weather of Portland, Ore. The temperature in Panama this time of year ranges from 80-90+ degrees with high humidity. He was met at the airport by some 2,000 fans, wanting to see Duran's next victim.

Ray and his manager, Mike Morton, made radio and T.V. appearances, then public appearances in both Panama City and the Canal Zone where Ray was befriended by the Americans living there.

Ray said: "Its funny, but in the U.S. nobody ever took notice of me and the feeling of nationalism is non-existent. But the people here give me a different feeling, a feeling of belonging that you



Ray Lampkin taking the full count from referee Herrera in the 14th round of their championship bout. Duran stands waiting in the far corner watching Lampkin trying to regain his feet.

don't get in the States. I met a lot of wonderful people in the Canal Zone. They helped me train by letting me eat on the military base and run at the base golf course. This meant a lot for a guy like myself. I thank them all."

When Lampkin entered the ring for the bout, he was in Duran's hometown and the place was packed with the champ's fans. The referee and judges were all Panamanian. The climate also favored the champ. Against all these odds Lampkin made himself a hero to the crowd and the T.V. viewers.

The gamblers in town bet that Ray wouldn't go more than seven rounds (in Panama they bet on the round in which Duran will win, rather than IF he will win, because they feel nobody can defeat him).

The American servicemen based in the Canal Zone wagered on Lampkin going more than seven. It ended up being a bad day for the Panamanian gamblers.

The fans in Panama stated after the bout that Ray had the "Heart of a Lion" and is one of the greatest boxers ever to come to Panama.

Former lightweight king Ismael Laguna feels that Lampkin will beat Duran if they meet for a second time, providing he trains longer in Panama in order to become acclimatized, or else boxes him in the States. The promoters want Ray to come back any time to box there and have nicknamed him "Panama Ray Lampkin".

Mike "Motor Mouth" Morton, Ray's manager, said: "The promoter, Mr. Gomez,, and the Panamanian people treated me and my boxer with great courtesy. The doctors at Panama's Social Security Hospital, Jose Luis Correa, Elias Cordoba and Keith Arthur, were the best in the world. Ray couldn't have any better. I can't say enough about Duran's manager, Carlos Eleta, a fine gentleman and a beautiful host. He was at the hospital with me when Ray's condition was in doubt."

Lampkin received a telephone call from Panama's chief of state Gen. Omar Torrijos, who congratulated him for fighting well. He also heard from Portland, Oregon's Mayor Neil Goldschmidt, who met Ray at the airport on his return to the U.S.

A young Portland, Oregon fan greets Ray Lampkin as the No-1 ranked lightweight is wheeled from his plane on arriving back to Portland from Panama. Ray was met by more than 300 rooters, and Mayor Goldschmidt of Portland.

After a victory celebration, Duran visited Lampkin in the hospital to offer his wishes for a quick recovery. It was reported early on the T.V. post fight interview that Duran stated "I was not in shape for this bout but if we box again Lampkin won't go six rounds because I'll put him in the morgue next time".

In all, the bout was one of the greatest ever in the lightweight division. Duran's next contest will be in October against Antonio Cervantes, Colombia, for the junior welterweight crown. Lampkin will also move up to box Pedro Fernandez, Spain, for the W.B.C. junior welterweight title in Europe.

Duran won the bout but both boxers came out winners, which is as it should be.

Chacon Destroys Estrada In Five Minutes Six Seconds

By DON FRASER

Bobby Chacon, right, demolishing Papalero Estrada in under two rounds of their meeting in Los Angeles for the WBC featherweight title held by Chacon.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Making the first defense of his World Boxing Council featherweight title, "Bullet" Bobby Chacon destroyed Papelero Estrada, of Mexico, in less than two rounds at the Olympic Auditorium.

Before a sellout gathering of 10,000, Chacon established himself as the premiere box office attraction in Southern California with the manner he dispatched the Mexican champion.

Viciously pummeling the 23-year-old challenger with barrages to the body, Chacon knocked down Estrada at 2:06 of the second and then finished the job 20 seconds later.

Referee John Thomas didn't bother to count as Estrada was hanging over the bottom ring rope.

The underdog from Guadalajara made a fight of it in the first round and actually made Chacon blink with a two fisted attack to the head.

Chacon quickly recovered and just ripped Estrada apart with body and head blows.

The crowd went wild with the dramatic finish.

Since the bout had been postponed because Bobby had the flu, there was plenty of speculation that he wouldn't be strong enough for Estrada.

But, Chacon left no doubt about his strength. Even he was surprised with the easy way he handled Estrada.

The 23-year-old admitted that he had problems making the 126 pound limit. As recently as the day before the fight, he was two pounds over. He weighed 126, Estrada, 125½.

This was Bobby's first bout without his manager, the veteran Joe Ponce, in his corner. They had split and the Sylmar youngster had announced his brother-in-law, Fran Ginn, would take over as his new manager.

Long time trainer Johnny Villaflor will remain with Chacon. Villaflor, for many years handled the late George Parnassus' stable of boxers, including Ceferino Garcia, Enrique Bolanos and Juan Zarita.

Bobby is thinking about going after the lightweight crown in a year or so, as he believes he will outgrow the featherweight division.

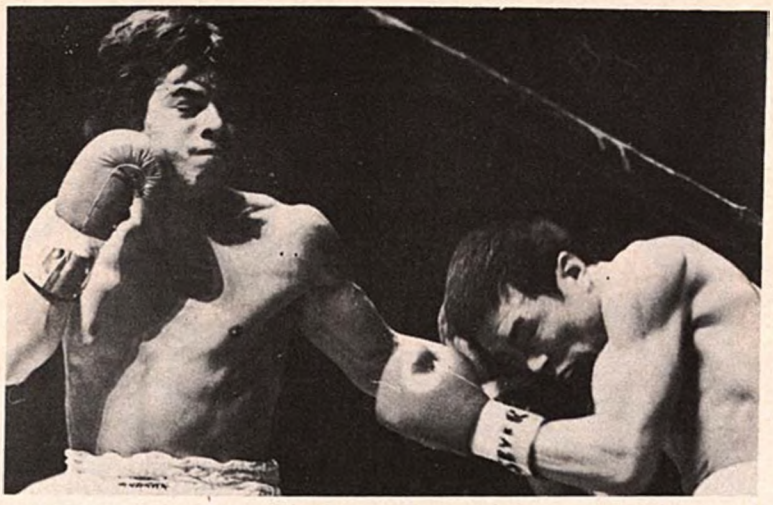
In the meantime, he'll continue to enlarge his ranch in the San Fernando Valley and plan his next title defense.

The gate of $134,615 set an all-time record for the historic Olympic Auditorium. Two thousand fans were turned away.

Unbeaten Randy Shields, 135½, North Hollywood, won eight out of ten rounds from Arturo Leon, 132, Tucson, in a 10-rounder. The folks in the gallery didn't like the verdict, but Shields was a clear winner.

Mexico's highly regarded Salvatore Torres, 129, stopped Jose Luis del Campo, 130, in the seventh of their 10-rounder.

Torres had del Campo on the floor twice, before it was halted.



Mexico's challenger for world bantam title, Alfonso Zamora, on his way to knocking out the champion, Soo Hwan Hong, of Korea, in bout held at Inglewood, California.

Zamora at age of 20 becomes youngest fighter to ever win world bantamweight crown. Above fourth round ending of fight with the champion, Hong, on canvas and ready for the ten count.

ZAMORA TAKES TITLE FROM HONG

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Sgt. Soo Hwan Hong of the South Korean army has blown a seven-day extenion of his leave, and Mexico has gained a new world champion.

Alfonso Zamora, the baby-faced darling of Mexican fans, electrified a Forum crowd of 13,380 when he knocked out Hong at 2:37 of the fourth round. Both made the bantamweight limit of 118.

Zamora, who at 20 became the youngest bantamweight champion in history with his 21st knockout in 21 fights, exploded the knockout blows with a flare.

Firing from close range, Zamora rocked Hong with a right uppercut to the head and followed instantly with a devastating left hook to the liver.

Hong sagged and slowly fell to the canvas, thoroughly beaten. The 24-year-old Korean, looking like an old man, sat out the count of 10 by referee George Latka, then collapsed on his back.

Dr. Jack Useem entered the ring and attempted to revive Hong, who was unconscious for almost a minute after the fight.

Later, Hong's handlers refused to open his dressing room door to reporters.

Zamora, the 10-7 favorite who never has gone 10 rounds let alone the scheduled 15, got off to a fast start. He dominated the action, moving aggressively and ripping blows as Hong retreated.

Hong had been promised a seven-day extension of his army leave if he showed no interest in going after the challenger.

Hong elected to throw occasional jabs and right hands to the head—many of them effective—but seldom did he put together combinations.

In the second round, Zamora continued to press Hong, who was making his second defense of the title he won last July 3 in South Africa when he recorded six knockdowns en route to an upset unanimous decision over Arnold Taylor.

Hong complained of a low blow in the second round, backing away for a moment and expressing pain. However, Latka signaled for action to resume and it did.

Zamora, a silver medalist in the 1972 Olympic Games, was sharp with his combinations in the third and Hong, still retreating, became more conscious of his defensive role. He held his gloves high to ward off the heavy attack but Zamora then ripped to the body.

By the fourth, Zamora had gained confidence and intensified his punishing attack. Yet, Hong was still dangerous as a counter-puncher and occasionally staved off a potential rally with a jab or overhand right.

However, the end came predictably, if not prematurely, when the young Mexican opened up a violent attack in the closing stages of the round, culminating with the right-left that gave him the crown.

Zamora, who earned $10,000 while Hong's cut was $50,000, was mobbed in his dressing room, mostly by the Mexican press. It was his third fight at the Forum and, of course, his biggest.

Following his victory, Zamora received the George Parnassus Trophy by former lightweight contender Enrique Bolanos, who was the late promoter's favorite fighter.

Hong, whose record now is 29-3-1 with 9 KOs, had not fought in the United States previously, and it's unlikely he'll want to return.

Although Hong failed to win a round on the cards of Latka and judge Dick Young, South Korean judge Young Soon Park curiously had his countryman leading at the end, 1-0.

Minutes earlier, Zamora's stablemate, Carlos Zarate, served an appetizer to the predominately Mexican-American crowd by registering an impressive knockout over Joe Guevara, the North American bantamweight champion, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Zarate, the 2-1 favorite, also remained undefeated with his 31st victory and 30th knockout. He was declared the winner when Guevara was unable to continue because of injuries inside his mouth.

Dr. Useem entered the ring between rounds and stopped the match after examining Guevara. "His teeth are knocked loose and he has an injured jaw, possibly broken," Useem said.

Zarate, 117, backed Guevara, 119, against the ropes in the third round, and they exchanged punches in an all-out attempt to end the fight swiftly. When the bell interrupted the action, Zarate had the edge.

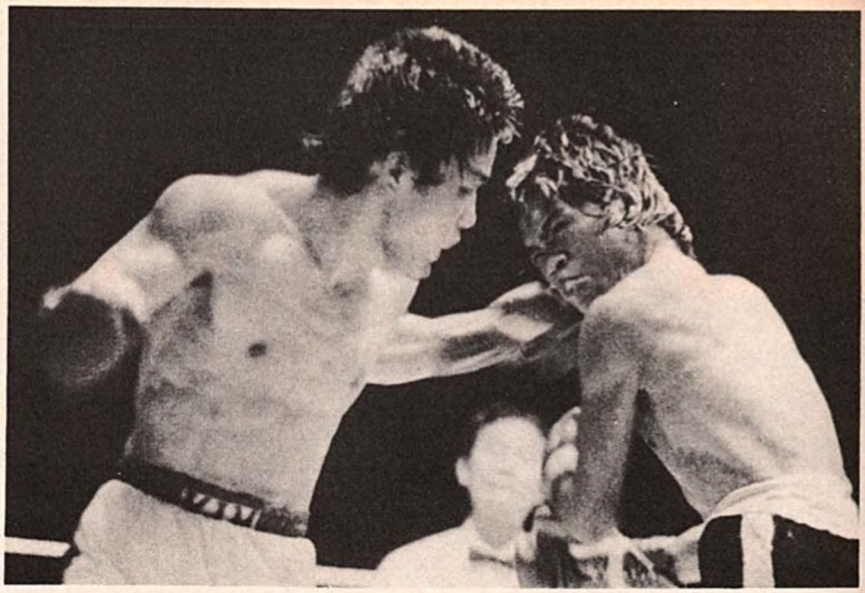
Guevara, who lost his first fight in 15 outings, was cut in the second round.

In the opening 10-rounder, a bruising but one-sided battle, Javier Muniz of Los Angeles scored an unspectacular unanimous decision over Mexico's Vicente Hernandez. Muniz improved his record to 13-1 with 5 KOs. Hernandez now is 14-5, with 6 KOs.

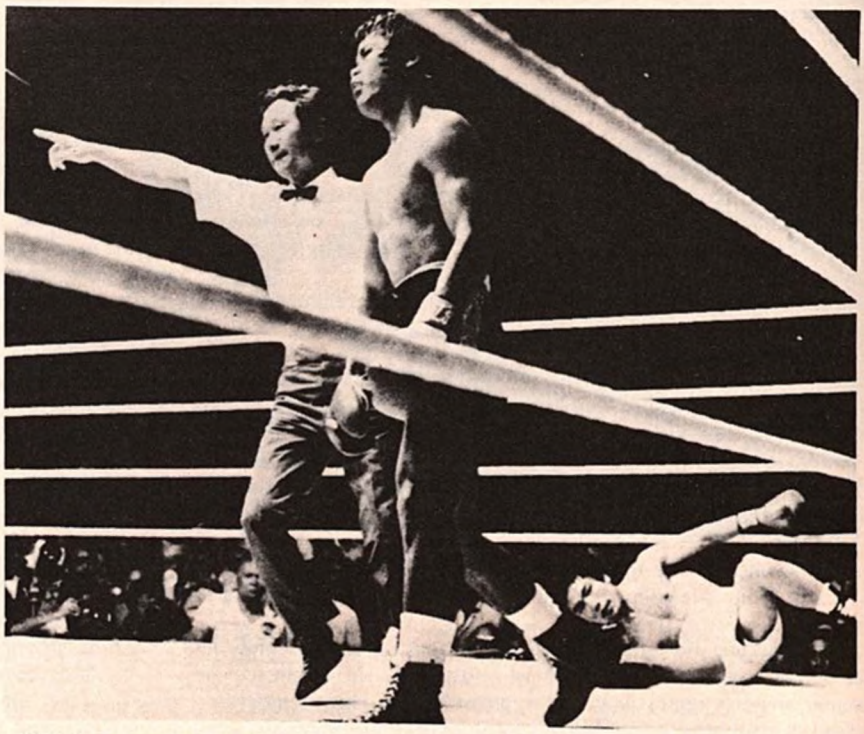
Gross gate was $131,633.

Villaflor Wins In 15 In Jr. Lightweight Title Defense

By J. C. GALANG



Junior lightweight champ Ben Villaflor, of the Philippines, receives solid left jab from his challenger, Kim Hyun Chi, of Korea, in Manila fight which the champ won on a 15 round decision.



Villaflor directed to neutral corner by referee Herbert Minn in 9th round when Ben decked Kim Hyun Chi. The fight went the limit with Villaflor winning a split 15 round decision to retain his title.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — Local Ben Villaflor retained his World Junior Lightweight crown with a 15 round split decision over South Korea's Kim Hyun-Chi.

The bout was even up until the 9th round when the southpaw champion connected with a left uppercut to the jaw of the Korean, putting him down for an eight count. He then chased Kim all over the ring scoring at will and decking him twice more. The bout would have ended on the third knockdown but the three time knockdown rule was waived before the bout. During this big round Villaflor sprained his left wrist which remained numb until the end of the bout.

Kim got a little rest at the beginning of the 10th round when referee Herbert Minn stopped the bout for about a minute and a half to examine Villaflor's slightly torn left glove. This seemed to be just what the doctor ordered as the Korean came on strong and opened a cut over Villaflor's left eye in the 11th round.

Ben regained control of the bout in the 13th session, opening up a cut over Kim's right eye and staggering him with a left hook in the 14th.

A crowd of over 20,000 cheered their hero after the decision in which referee Herbert Minn and Filipino judge Alfredo Quiazon voted 71-67 for the champ, and judge Roy Kim of Korea, 71-70 for Kim. Both weighed 130 for the contest.

After the bout the 8-5 underdog Kim stated, "I thought I lost by maybe one or two points."

Villaflor's manager Larry Ichinose said the Filipino champion plans to stay for a while with his parents in the southern seaport of Zamboanga City, 500 miles from Manila.

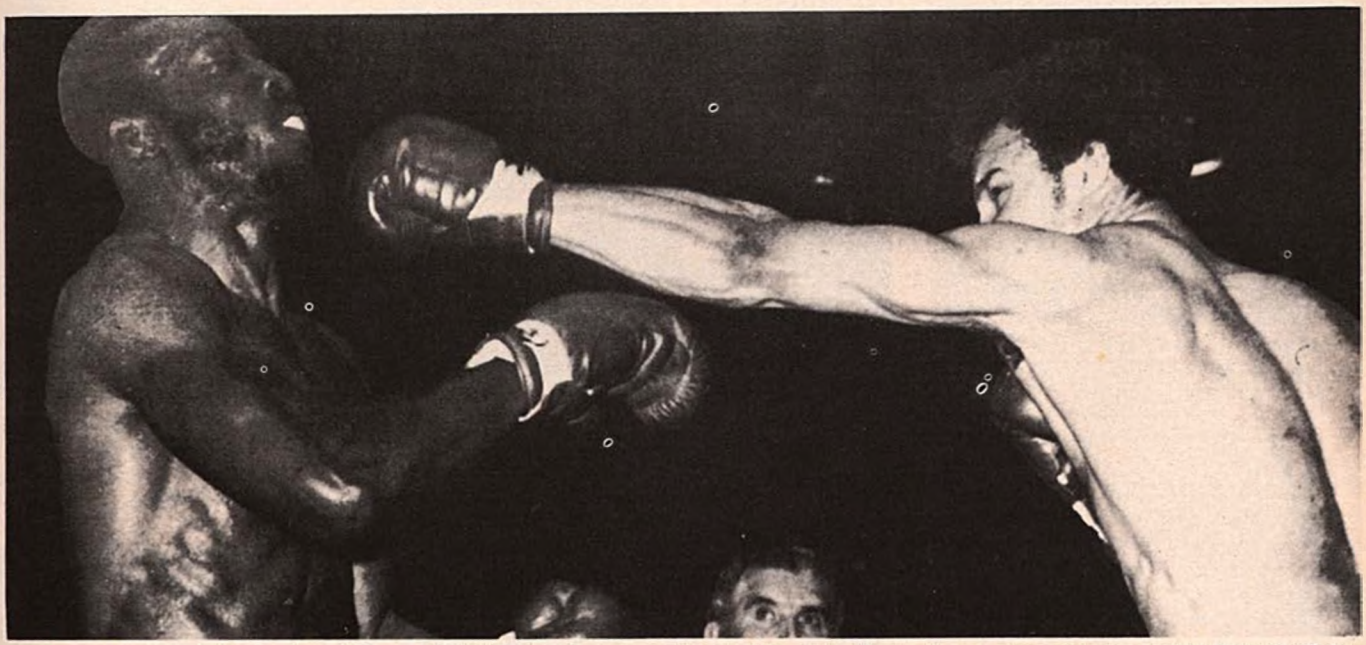
The 22 year old champ's next bout is scheduled against San Francisco's Ray Lunny later this summer in Honolulu, Hawaii. They boxed late last year with the contest ending in a 6 round draw. Both boxers hit heads in that round and, Villaflor was bleeding badly. The contest was stopped and called a draw. There is also talk of a rubber match against the WBC champion Kuniaki Shibata of Japan. They boxed twice before with Shibata winning a 15 rounder the first time and being kayoed in one in their second meeting. Tyrone Everett, the U.S. king, is looking forward to boxing Villaflor late this summer in Philadelphia.

The Kim bout marks the second time he boxed in the Philippines in five years. He boxed in Manila on July 19, 1974, defeating Takao Maruki in 7 rounds. Before that contest Villaflor's last appearance was on November 14, 1970, a ten round nod over Baby Corona.

This was Ben's third defense of his crown. The other two ended in 15 round draws, against Victor Echegarray and Apollo Yoshio. In between he lost the title to Shibata in 15 and regained it with a one round kayo.

CONTEH STOPS BENNETT ON KO IN 5TH ROUND

By RON OLVER



Britain's John Conteh in the first defense of his WBC light heavyweight title at Wembley, England, won over contender Lonnie Bennett, of the U.A.S. when the referee halted the fight in 1:10 of the fifth round due to a cut over Bennett's left eye.

LONDON, ENGLAND — In these days of modern science it is surprising that in the whole history of boxing no one has been able to come up with a successful formula of preventing boxers from sustaining eye injuries. Anyone who did manage this would assuredly earn himself a fortune. American Lonnie Bennett, 172½, would certainly have paid any reasonable sum not to have been cut by the left eye in his World light-heavyweight title fight against champion John Conteh, Great Britain, 174.

Unfortunately the cut was too bad for him to continue, and this was confirmed by referee Roland Dakin, who intervened halfway through the fifth.

A disappointing ending for the fans, but Conteh was naturally elated at this victory in his first defense of the crown.

There were the usual complaints afterwards. "I was butted," said Bennett. "Not so," said Conteh. "It was definitely a punch, or a series of punches."

Sitting ringside, I certainly saw no butt, and referee Dakin, who was much nearer the action, said afterwards—"It was definitely not a butt. Bennett did not appeal, as he is quoted as saying, and there was no evidence of butting."

Conteh went further. "The cut started to open up at the end of the third," he said. "The reason was my hard and accurate left-jabbing."

Bennett was cut by the left eye in training since he arrived in London, but Dr. Whiteson, the chief Medical Officer of the British Boxing Board of Control, said this one was above the one he had in training.

It was one and a half inches long, very deep, and needed seven stitches.

The premature ending was a great pity, for it looked like it would have been an interesting scrap. Bennett had started confidently, pumping good left jabs into Conteh's face, and had a much longer reach than I thought.

Conteh, on left, batters the incoming Bennett in the early part of their fight before Conteh cut his challenger's left eye in the fifth round.

The battle was confined to exchanges of left jabs, but Conteh got his left hand working well in the second session, and I gave him the edge in this one.

The first real action came near the end of the third round, when

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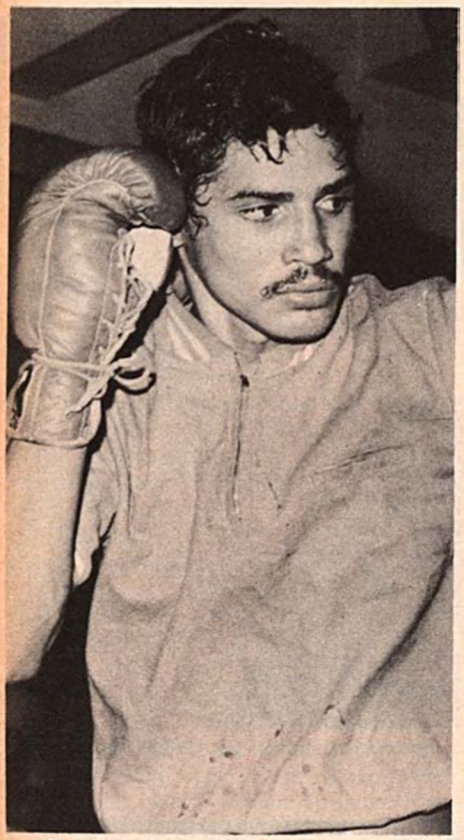
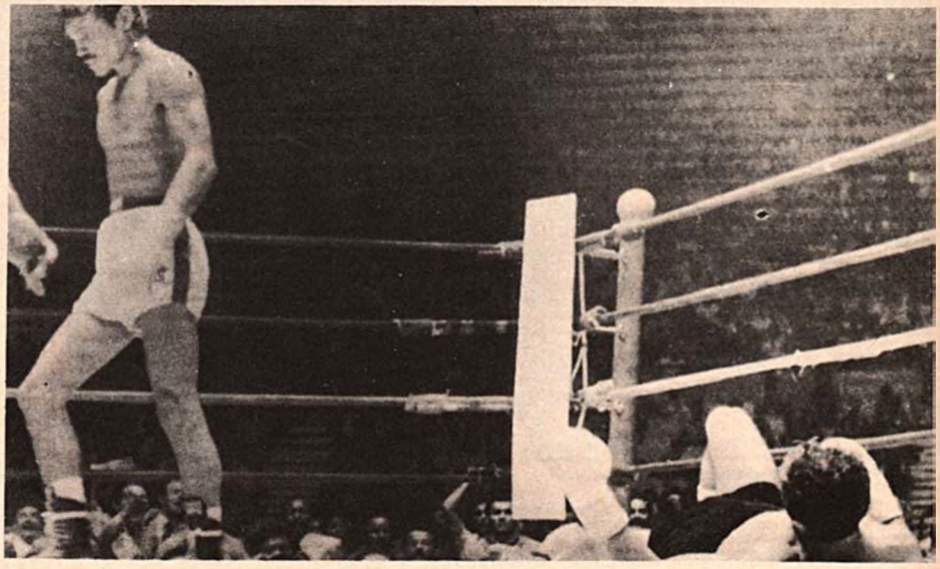
ARGUELLO RETAINS WBA CROWN IN 8 ROUND KO OVER HERNANDEZ

By JUAN ORTEGA



Alexis Arguello, of Nicaragua, the WBA featherweight champion.

Alexis Arguello, of Nicaragua, moves in with round house left ready as his challenger from Venezuela, Lionel Hernandez, attempts to block the incoming punch. The scheduled 15 round WBA featherweight title contest, held in Caracas, was won by the champ, Arguello, when he knocked out Hernandez in the eighth round.



Here we see the end of the fight in the eighth round with Arguello walking to the neutral corner and Hernandez being counted out.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA — Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, knocked out Lionel Hernandez, Venezuela, in the 8th round of their WBA featherweight title contest.

Arguello, who won the WBA crown from Ruben Olivares last November, via a 13th round kayo was ahead on all cards until the referee put a stop to the beating Hernandez was taking. Lionel's only moment of glory was in the 4th round when he landed a few shots which briefly stopped Arguello's attack.

Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, California, holds the WBC half of the featherweight title. There is talk that the both may meet this summer in Los Angeles to clear up the muddle.

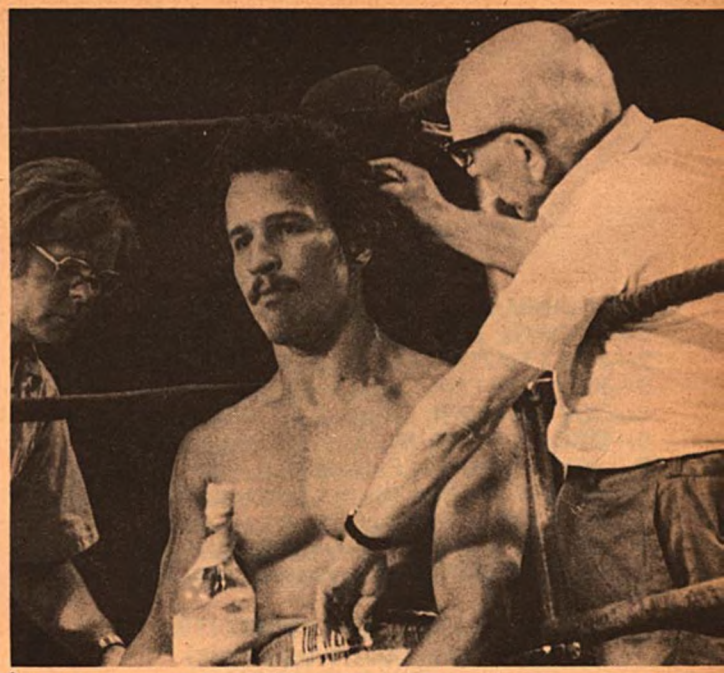
The undercard was an all star cast with world junior welterweight king, Colombia's Antonio Cervantes, tuning up for his defense against Esteban DeJesus with a two round knockout over Venezuelian Ray Chavez. Cervantes finished off Chavez with a right cross to the head. Referee Jesus Celis counted out Chavez.

Also warming up for Cervantes was Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico, who scored a three round kayo over Jesse Lara, Mexico. Esteban dropped Lara in the second with a right to the head. He scored the kayo with a short left hook to the jaw of the Mexican. This was DeJesus' third in a row since his 11 round kayo defeat at the hands of Roberto Duran last March, in his bid for the lightweight title.

The night's biggest upset came when unranked Venezuelan southpaw Luis Lara Acosta, who had only 12 bouts to date, won a split decision over the world's No. 1 ranked welterweight Angel Espada of Puerto Rico. Espada won 15 in a row since his last loss, that to Dario Hidalgo in 1972. This was a tune-up for his match against Clyde Gray later this spring in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The scoring of the bout as follows: 98-95, 99-95 for Acosta and 97-96, Espada.

WALTER IS NO NAME FOR A CHAMP

By JANE WARRENBRAND



Walter Raymond John Elson sits in his corner surveying the world he is out to conquer. The year was 1972 and Ray knocked out his opponent, Paul Rome, in 2 rounds.

WALTER RAYMOND John Elson walked into the 14th St. Gramercy Gym thinking he was ready to fight anyone. He had strength, speed and coordination on his side, and was determined to find the right manager who would give back the 110% that he himself intended to invest. Paddy Flood, the colorful N.Y. manager who spends more time at the Gramercy Gym than at home was the logical choice.

Flood knew he had a winner yet Elson needed to be brought along slowly and carefully groomed. Elson was fierce and could take a good punch but he needed to learn technique and that would take time to develop. But first the name had to go—"Walter is no name for a champ" insisted Flood. "How about your middle name—Roy. . ." From then on, the undefeated "street fighting" champ who claims his bouts never lasted more than 30 seconds, became Ray J. Elson. Elson and Flood began their well matched relationship and have proved to be a successful team as up and coming light heavyweight Ray J. Elson is now undefeated and recognized as 6th in the country, with only 12 pro fights behind him, 7 of them knock outs.

Elson's greatest asset is his brute strength which seems to devastate his opponents. Ray was always impressed with strength—always wanting to be stronger than the next guy and somehow knowing the potential was there. He began to exploit his inherited talent when he was 14. Eddie, his older brother, bought him a set of 80 pound weights which he used each day with two other friends. They worked out in a dirty Coney Island basement also shared with bugs, mice and other bothersome neighbors common to N.Y.C. living. By the time Ray was 15 he was pressing 170 pounds and soon after became seriously interested in Olympic weight lifting. Working out his own routine, which he later found to be similar to that of the Russians, he went on to become the Junior City Champion, Metropolitan Champion, N.Y. State Champ and at 18 won the teen age National championship, holding the

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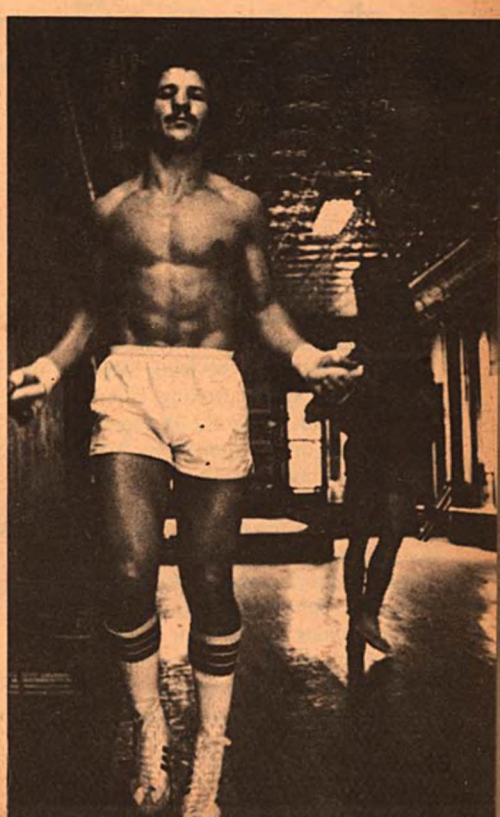

Left: Ray as he looked when he lifted 360 pounds and was a champion caliber weight lifter. And right, as Ray, the fighter, trimmed down to a light heavyweight and skipping what he hopes is his way toward a crown.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 15, 1975

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
2—JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Oa.
3—KEN NORTON, San Diego, Calif.
4—JOE BUGNER, England
5—OSCAR BONAVENA, Argentina
6—JIMMY YOUNG, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—BUNNY JOHNSON, England
8—RON LYLE, Denver, Colo.
9—CHUCK WEPNER, Bayonne, N.J.
10—EARNIE SHAVERS, Warren, Ohio

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—JOHN CONTEH, England
2—VICTOR GALINDEZ, Argentina
3—LEN HUTCHINS, Detroit, Mich.
4—JORGE AHUMADA, Argentina
5—ALVARO LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.
6—RICHIE KATES, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—PIERRE FOURIE, South Africa
8—AVENAMAR PERALTA, Argentina
9—BOBBY CASSIDY, Brentwood, N.Y.
10—TOM BETHEA, New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ, Colombia
2—VITO ANTUOFERMO, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3—TONY LICATA, New Orleans, La.
4—GRATIEN TONNA, France
5—KEVIN FINNEGAN, England
6—GEORGE COOPER, Oakland, Calif.
7—BOBBY WATTS, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—RUDY ROBLES, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
10—MAX COHEN, France

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
1—ELISHA OBED, Nassau, Bahamas
2—JOSE DURAN, Spain
3—OSCAR ALVARADO, Uvalde, Texas
4—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
5—MAURICE HOPE, England
6—ECKHART DAGGE, Germany
7—MIKE BAKER, Spartanburg, S.C.
8—RAMON MENDEZ, Argentina
9—MIGUEL CASTELLINI, Argentina
10—RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, Minneapolis, Minn.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—CLYDE GRAY, Canada
2—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ, Dominican Rep.
3—JOHN STRACEY, England
4—ARMANDO MUNIZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—BRUNO ARCARI, Italy
6—ANGEL ESPADA, Puerto Rico
7—LUIS LARA ACOSTA, Venezuela
8—ALFONSO HAYMAN, Philadelphia
9—JOHNNY GANT, Washington, D.C.
10—HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
2—HECTOR THOMPSON, Australia
3—MONROE BROOKS, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—TONY PETRONELLI, Brockton, Mass.
5—LEONCIO ORTIZ, Mexico
6—TONI ORTIZ, Spain
7—PEDRO FERNANDEZ, Spain
8—EMILIANO VILLA, Colombia
9—HECTOR MATTA, Puerto Rico
10—FRANKIE BENITEZ, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
2—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI, Japan
3—ANGEL MAYORAL, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
5—RAY LUNNY III, San Francisco, Calif.
6—ARTURO PINEDA, Mexico
7—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN, Thailand
8—HUGO BARRAZA, Colombia
9—HUGO GUTIERREZ, Argentina
10—HECTOR MEDINA, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN, Norway
2—KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
3—TYRONE EVERETT, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
5—SAMUEL SERRANO, Puerto Rico
6—LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
7—JEAN BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE, France
8—ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico
9—APOLLO YOSHIO, Japan
10—OULD MAKLOUFI, France

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO, Nicaragua
3—ART HAFEY, Canada
4—RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
5—LIONEL HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA, Japan
7—ROYAL KOBAYASHI, Japan
8—ELIO COTINA, Italy
9—RIGOBERTO RIASCO, Panama
10—OCTAVIO GOMEZ, Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALFONSO ZAMORA, Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
2—BENICIO SOSA, Argentina
3—SOO HWAN HONG, Korea
4—ROMEO ANAYA, Mexico
5—RAFAEL HERRERA, Mexico
6—ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
7—DAVE NEEDHAM, England
8—CARLOS ZARATE, Mexico
9—PAUL FERRERI, Australia
10—ANDRES HERNANDEZ, Puerto Rico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MIGUEL CANTO, Merida, Mexico
1—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI, Thiland
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
3—SHOJI OGUMA, Japan
4—ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
5—IGNACIO ESPINOZA, Dominican Rep.
6—SUSUMU HANAGATA, Japan
7—VICENTE POOL, Mexico
8—CECIL ESCOBIDO, Philippines
9—FRANCO SPERTI, Italy
10—FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland

MUHAMMAD ALI FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THERE are quite a few oddities about the world ratings this month. There were some especially exciting developments in all classes, the heavyweight included.

But as a result of the battle between the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, there are only two battlers with firm holds on world championships — Muhammad Ali, in the heavyweight division, and Jose Napoles in the welter class.

There are two vacant titles — the light heavyweight and the feather.

There are no fewer than eight former holders of world championships scattered in the ratings. They are George Foreman and Joe Frazier, heavyweight class, Emile Griffith, middleweight; Oscar Alvarado, junior middle; Ken Buchanan, lightweight; Kuniaki Shibata, junior lightweight; Ruben Olivares, bantam and Soo Hwan Kong, bantam.

The Fighter of the Month distinction has to go to Muhammad Ali, who stopped Chuck Wepner in 15 rounds.

True, Ali did not cover himself with glory. He did not appear to have trained very hard for this one, having relied on the understanding that he could make Chuck bleed himself to defeat.

But Father Time has started to smile at Ali and before long he may begin to laugh. The heavyweight champion of the world does not need the money and incentives are weakening.

By stopping Jerry Quarry in five, in fact, stopping him so decisively as to drive him out of the fight business — Ken Norton moved into No. 3 among the heavies, forcing Joe Bugner to shift down a peg into the niche vacated by Quarry.

The revised ratings in the heavyweight class, below Muhammad, are:

1. George Foreman; 2. Joe Frazier; 3. Ken Norton; 4. Joe Bugner; 5. Oscar Bonavena; 6. Jimmy Young; 7. Bunny Johnson; 8. Ron Lyle; 9. Chuck Wepner; 10. Earnie Shavers.

That the fight game is enjoying high prosperity is indicated by

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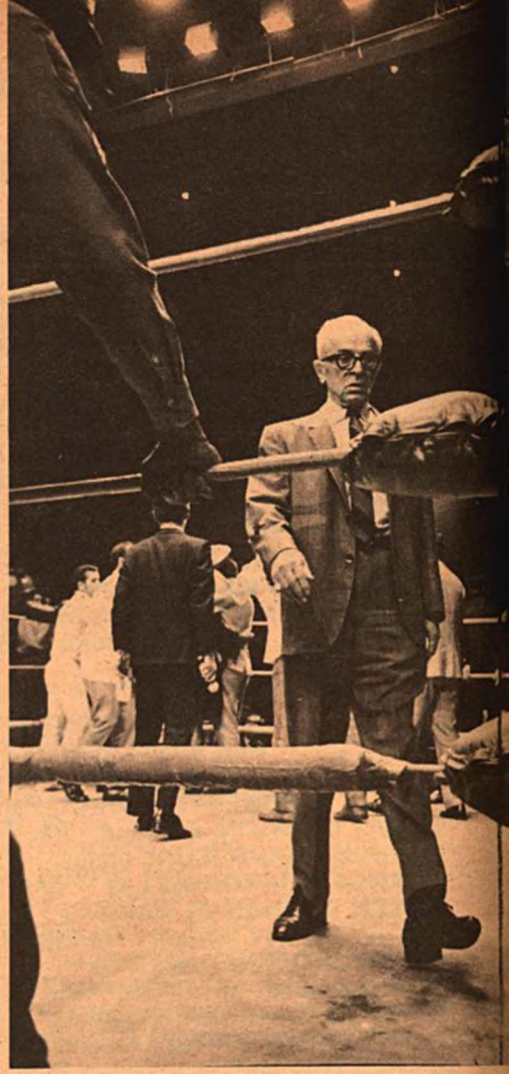
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Biff Cline Hillcrest, Md.	8/71	6	6	0	0	6
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Ivan Matekovic Yugoslavia	1/74	10	9	1	0	7
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Germain LeMaitre France	11/71	22	17	1	4	3
WELTERWEIGHT						
Nick Ortiz Puerto Rico	1/73	10	9	1	0	7
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Maurice Watkins Houston, Texas	5/74	11	11	0	0	6
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Ruedi Bogel Switzerland	5/73	7	5	1	1	2
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Billy Lee Hunter Denver, Colo.	12/73	7	7	0	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Prudencio Cardona Colombia	11/73	9	8	1	0	5



Parnassus at the end of the road. (Above) George is seen going to a corner at the Forum prior to the fights in one of his last public appearances.

GEORGE PARNASSUS KEPT HIS WORD EVADED NO RISK

By DON MAJESKI

HE WAS a frail, wizened, bespectacled man with an aquiline nose, a splay footed walk and a crown of white eider-down adorning his oft times ruffled countenance. A nattier dresser didn't exist — from the custom made ties down to the spit shined shoes. At times his temper would erupt, resembling the explosion of Thira, yet mostly his demeanor was that of some saintly Archbishop and more times than not one felt compelled to genuflect and kiss his ring upon entering the photo lined environs of his Los Angeles offices.

At his side there was always that small glass of Crown Royal, a drink fittingly suited for a 'King' — as he became known in the trade, the atomizer, to relieve his spates with a chronic asthmatic condition; that never affected his mobility — and the telephone, boxing's umbilical cord.

If there were faults they lay in his, at times, stubborn pride, the great sin of all self-made men of success, and his

(Left) A family portrait, George, his son Bill, and wife Rosalie, at ringside. (Above) Parnassus with Eder Jofre, former world featherweight champ. (Below) left to right — Suey Welch, Parnassus, ex governor Ronald Reagan, and fighter Enrique Bolanos.

consistently reminding us that he had two fine sons — Bill, the doctor and Father George, the Monsignor.

He was a Greek by birth, Mexican by marriage — to the former Rosalia de Oca, whom he met in Arizona when she was a school girl and he ran a small restaurant frequented by prize fighters — an American by choice, Roman Catholic via conversion and faith and a Man of the World in definition.

Henry Kissinger would have palled in comparison to the 100,000 miles per year logged while he was in his upper seventies. One would phone the house only to be informed by his elegant mate that he was off in Sao Paulo or Johannesburg negotiating this or that — but would be home again in a fortnight — before departing, once more, for Japan, Thailand or Australia — or some such points North, East, South or West, of course.

Jean Cocteau, in describing his field, once said: "Art is not a pastime, it is a priesthood" — in the realm of boxing this man would have concurred with that statement toiling with the zealous drive of a saint. Twelve or fourteen hour days were commonplace and the seven day workweek had no place in his union contract.

Every day of his life for the last 53 years he *was* boxing. He never grew senile or embittered and was as much alive the night of his death as the day he was born.

He was a good provider, a faithful husband, loving father and a solid citizen who respected his God and his country with equal fervor. Yet for all these traits he may well have been lost to anonymity. A good man is taken for granted in our society. But there was a difference between him and us. He was an example of his trade.

Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs formed the ruling promotional triumverate of the twentieth century. For the last third of this cycle he stood as apart from his peers as Mt.

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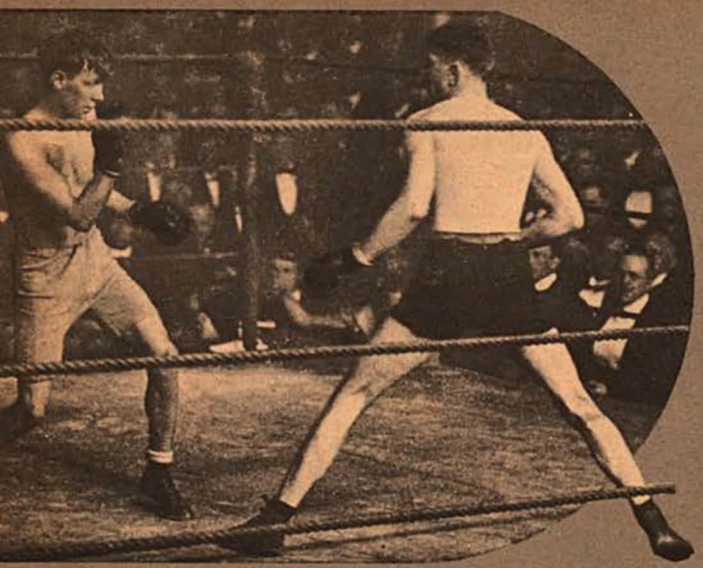
Joe Louis and Parnassus in conversation as George cuts his 75th birthday cake in 1972. (Left) Ceferino Garcia, former world middleweight champion, managed by George between 1930 to 1940.

"Up From Welsh Coal Pits"

ALL-TIME RING GREATS

Jimmy Wilde's MATCHLESS STORY

By RON OLVER



All time Ring great Jimmy Wilde, at left, had no opposition in being voted the greatest flyweight of his era. Above: Jimmy in action with Joe Lynch whom he defeated in 15 rounds on March 31, 1919. Below: Jimmy at right poses with another top flyweight, Kid Furness, who became a promoter after hanging up his gloves.

LONDON, ENGLAND — British boxing buffs are delighted that in the first Ring poll of all time greats Jimmy Wilde had the distinction of being the only fighter who was unopposed for the leadership in his class.

In a process of selection never before performed by The Ring in its 53 years' history, Joe Louis was picked as the all time heavyweight star. But he got tough opposition from Jack Dempsey.

Wilde, on the other hand, had absolutely no opposition. All members of the polling committee, The Ring staff, voted for Jimmy Wilde as the greatest flyweight of the Glove Era.

The Ghost With A Hammer In His Hand. The Mighty Atom. The Tylorstown Terror. That's what they called Welshman Jimmy Wilde. He was a phenomenon — the greatest flyweight in the history of the sport.

Jimmy had no weight problems. To the best of my knowledge he never scaled more than 7st. 12lb (110) and stood only 5ft. 2½in. The fans used to say that when he turned sideways you couldn't see him at all.

Why then do so many shrewd critics consider Wilde to be the greatest pound-for-pound fighter the world has known? Mainly because, although short on poundage and on height, he could punch as hard as a lightweight, and 77 of his victories in a "recorded" career of 140 bouts were on knockouts.

I say "recorded," because Jimmy claimed to have had 864 fights. These obviously included "contests" in fairground boxing booths, but naturally these don't appear on his official record.

It used to be said that a Welshman born in humble circumstances had the choice of two careers: (a) working down the pits, or (b) fighting. Jimmy did both.

William James Wilde was born on May 15, 1892, at Quakers Yard, Tylorstown, and left school before he was 13 in order to work in the Ferndale coal pits and earn the princely sum of two shillings per day.

It was there that he struck up a firm friendship with ex-fighter Dai Davies. They often sparred together, and this was Jimmy's introduction to the Noble Art. He never had a lesson in his life.

When Jimmy applied to join Jack Scarrott's booth in 1910 the latter at first refused. "You want to get yourself killed?" said Jack. "These are MEN you will be fighting."

But Jimmy finally persuaded Jack to give him a try, and after that the stories of his booth exploits are legendary. It is said that he once knocked out 15 (some say 23) men in one day. And all he received for his endeavours was a cup of tea, a bun and fifteen shillings (some say thirty).

But this was still more than he would have earned in a week at the pits. His opponents got one pound for staying three rounds with

him, and he met them all, any weight. Very few stayed the route.

Dai Davies had a daughter named Elisabeth Anne, whom Jimmy married while still in his teens. Lisbeth, as he called her, objected to his fighting for a living at first, but soon became his No. 1 fan, and even used to accompany him on a bicycle when he did his roadwork.

In the pits he developed his back and shoulder muscles. In the booths he developed his speed and power of punch. The rest was just natural ability.

By 1912 he was considered ready for his London debut. The venue was the traditional Blackfriars Ring, and his opponent was Matt Wells' Nipper, so named because he was a protege of the great champion.

When Jimmy stripped off, there were gasps — first of amazement, then of laughter. He looked all skin and bone. Bella, wife of promoter Dick Burge, said to her husband — "This lad mustn't fight. He's only a child."

Hearing this, Jimmy replied — "Mrs. Burge, I'm married and have two children. I'll be all right."

Reluctantly the Burges agreed, and less than a minute later they were carrying Matt Wells' Nipper out of the ring. Wilde's speed and power of punch endeared him to the fans, and he was cheered to the echo.

This was the start of a long run of successes up to the end of 1914, including wins over top men like Joe Symonds, Alf Mansfield and Sid Smith.

These wins paved the way for a British title fight against champion Tancy Lee, a canny Scot, at London's Home of Boxing, the National Sporting Club, where the patrons were not permitted to applaud during the action, a tradition that still applies today.

The bout took place on January 25, 1915, with the European crown also at stake.

It was Jimmy's big chance, but the fates were against him. He had influenza before the fight, and was consequently weak, but insisted on fulfilling his contract.

Jimmy's illness was no secret. Lee must have known, and in any case it didn't take him long to find out. In spite of a plucky performance Wilde was beaten in the 17th round.

There was quite a scene as the towel came in from Wilde's corner.

Jimmy tried in vain to kick it out, the referee motioned to the seconds to take the little Welshman back to his corner, and Jimmy was furious.

"Don't you ever throw in the towel again," he snapped at manager Teddy Lewis. "If I'm licked then I'll go out fighting."

It was a wish that Teddy adhered to, but Wilde probably regretted it towards the end of his career. More of that anon.

After another string of wins Jimmy got another chance for a British title shot. The new champ was Joe Symonds, and the bout

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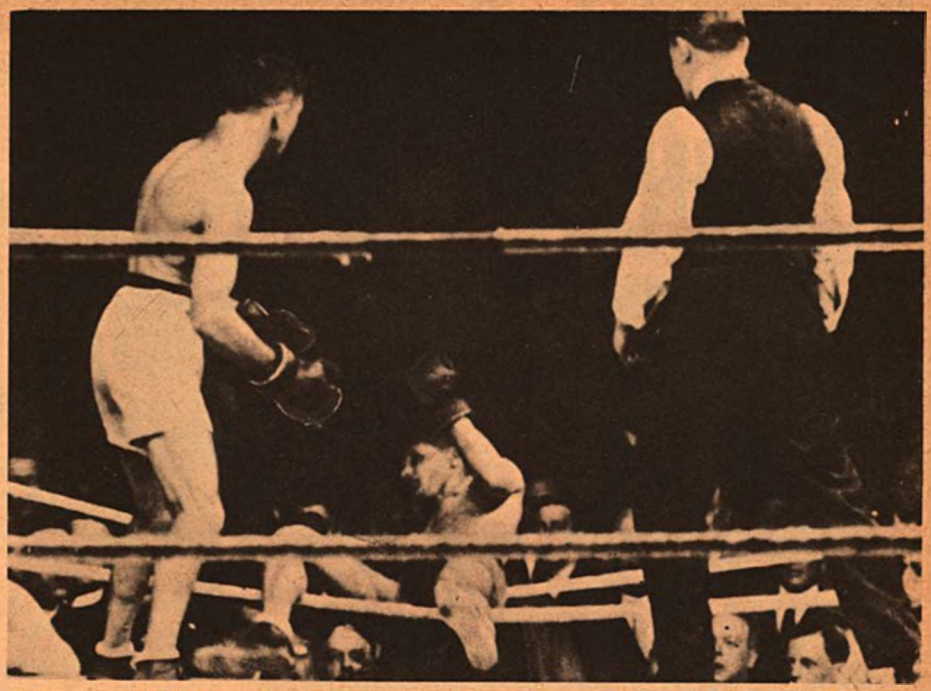
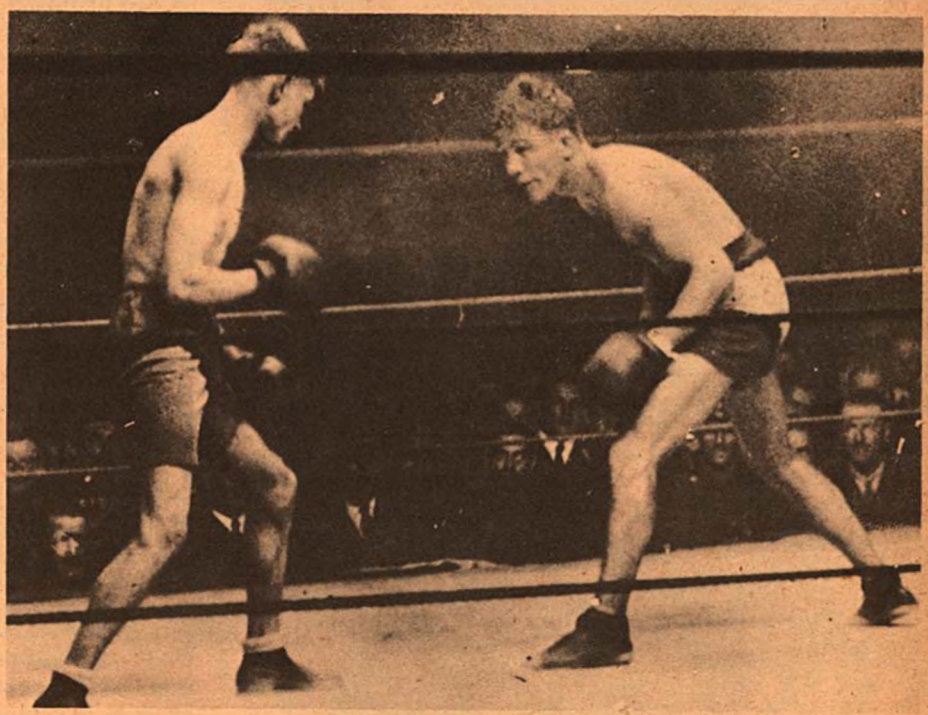


On January 13, 1921, an "over the hill" Wilde was knocked out in 17 rounds by Pete Herman, another Hall of Famer.

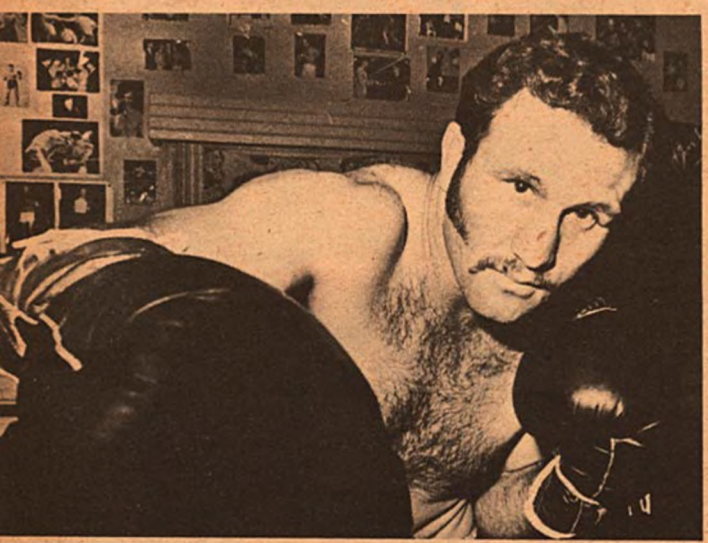


Above: Jimmy in action with Pal Moore in a 20 slug fest on July 17, 1919, with Wilde winning the decision. At left we see Wilde with his manager, Dave Hughes, Jimmy was the first non-American to be elected to The Ring Boxing Hall of Fame.

PRETORIA PUT ON MAP IN BIG WAY

By RONALD SCOTT

Gert Craemer, left, sparring with Dirk van der Westuizen. The onlookers are left to right: Billy Lotter, Jimmy Richards and Rigg Higgs.



Above: Jimmy Richards, South African champion, seen throwing his dangerous right in gym workout. Below: Dirk van der Westhuisen, who according to Billy Lotter, is a junior welter to watch.

IN JUST two and a half years, Reg Higgs and Billy Lotter have put Pretoria, South Africa's capital city, on the boxing map.

Higgs is the man who set about promoting tournaments in the city against all the advice of the sceptics, who had no faith in Pretoria as a place to stage a financially successful bill.

He founded Regal Promotions in February 1974, and held five tournaments in the next twelve months. He says he made a profit on every one of them. So much for the doubters.

Billy Lotter, former South African heavyweight champion, manages and trains most of the fighters that Reg promotes. He handles his boys as well as he used to handle himself. Three of his four charges are national champions—Jimmy Richards (heavyweight), Dirk van der Westhuizen (junior welter) and Gert Craemer (junior middle).

On recent Regal Promotions tourney, Higgs celebrated his first anniversary as a promoter, while Lotter celebrated his third South African champion—Gert Craemer, who whipped Coert Fourie on a tko in the ninth round to take the junior middleweight crown.

On the same bill, Jimmy Richards retained his heavyweight title by outpointing Mike Schutte over 12 rounds and welterweight Apie Smith, the fourth member of the Lotter camp, ko'ed Fred Kingsma in round three to stamp out his championship potential too.

Lotter and Higgs reckon they deserve the success they won that night. They've slugged for it.

Back in 1972, they were a team in the smallest sense of the word. They had one fighter working for them—Jimmy Richards, with Lotter as trainer and Higgs as manager. Jimmy had been barred from fighting in the Cape, one of the four South African provinces, after his poor showing against Chris Roos, then heavyweight champion that same year.

Since then, Lotter has persuaded the Cape Board of Control to recognize Richards again, given Jimmy 17 bouts of which he has won 15, and put him in shape to capture the heavyweight crown from Roos (March, 1973) and retain it for the last two years.

With each one of his fighters, Lotter has had to use a different approach. "When Jimmy came to me," he recalls, "his defence was like a routed army's—non-existent. He was the only boxer I had ever seen who led with his chin. And he punched with only half his strength.

"The first thing I did was build his defense: I taught him how to jab with his left, an elementary trick that all his previous trainers

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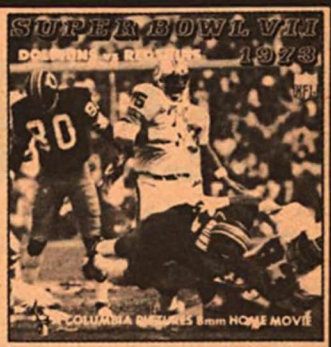

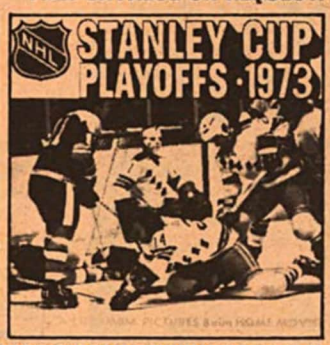

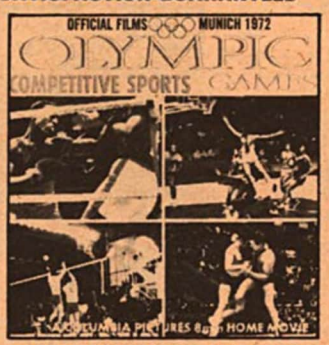

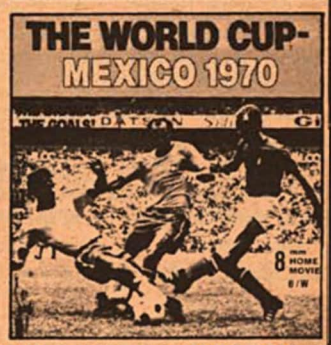

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ASHLOCK COLLECTS STABLE OF YOUNG TITLE THREATS

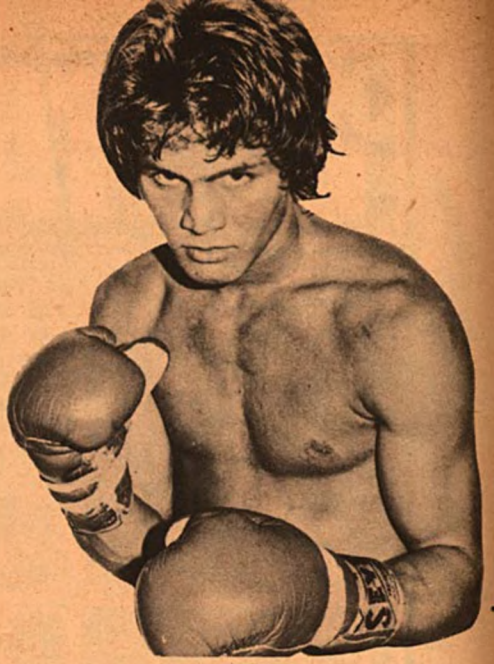
By BRUCE TRAMPLER

ORLANDO, FLA. — Probably the finest stable of young fighters in the southern United States, if not the entire country, is the group of sluggers being managed here by Pete Ashlock.

Ashlock, the former rodeo champion and construction company magnate, got into the fight game in 1969 as the promoter at his own Orlando Sports Stadium. Since then, he has run more than 100 cards in Orlando and the other towns on his promotional circuit, which now includes Houston, Albuquerque, and Corpus Christi.

Ashlock operates Houston and Orlando outright, with Paul Chavez in charge at Albuquerque, and Jack Irwin handling Corpus Christi. All four clubs are under the banner of Pete Ashlock Promotions. Pete's biggest shows thus far have been Bob Foster's two light heavyweight title defenses in Albuquerque against Pierre Fourie and Jorge Ahumada.

As Ashlock's promotional dynasty has grown, so has his stable of fighters. At last count, some 40 boxers were directly under Pete's control, with scores of others at his disposal throughout the country.



(Above) Maurice Watkins, up and coming lightweight, looking for shot at title. (Left) Mike Quarry, light heavyweight.

"When you have the clubs to keep the boys busy, everyone wants to fight for you," Ashlock explained. "I get letters every day from managers and boxers who want to sign with us, but I think for now, I'll just take the fine nucleus of talent we have now and manage them as far as their ability will take them. Eventually, I'd like to have a champion in each division."

In order to further increase the opportunities for his men to fight, Ashlock recently entered into a working agreement with West Coast promotional czar Joe Gagliardi, who operates in San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton, Oakland, and Fresno. Most of Pete's fighters have already made their California debuts this year.

The star of Ashlock's stable is, of course, light heavyweight contender Mike Quarry, who through Feb. 17 had won six straight, with an overall 48-5-3 record.

Quarry spent 1973 fighting mononucleosis, which went undiagnosed most of the year, until Ashlock took him over. Before the illness was detected, the native Californian had dropped decisions to three high ranking contenders in Chris Finnegan, Tom Bogs, and Andy Kendall, whom he had previously beaten.

Mike's only other losses were to Bob Foster in their 1972 world title bout, when Quarry was only 21, and a disputed decision at Johannesburg to Pierre Fourie last year, which even the South African papers labeled as "robbery."

"I'm praying that Fourie lifts the championship from Victor Galindez," says Quarry. "Pierre told me he thought I won our fight, and promised me first crack at the crown if

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(Left) Gene Wells, one of Aslock's impressive stable, who is on a knockout streak. (Right) Johnny Boudreaux, another unbeaten Ashlock protegee.

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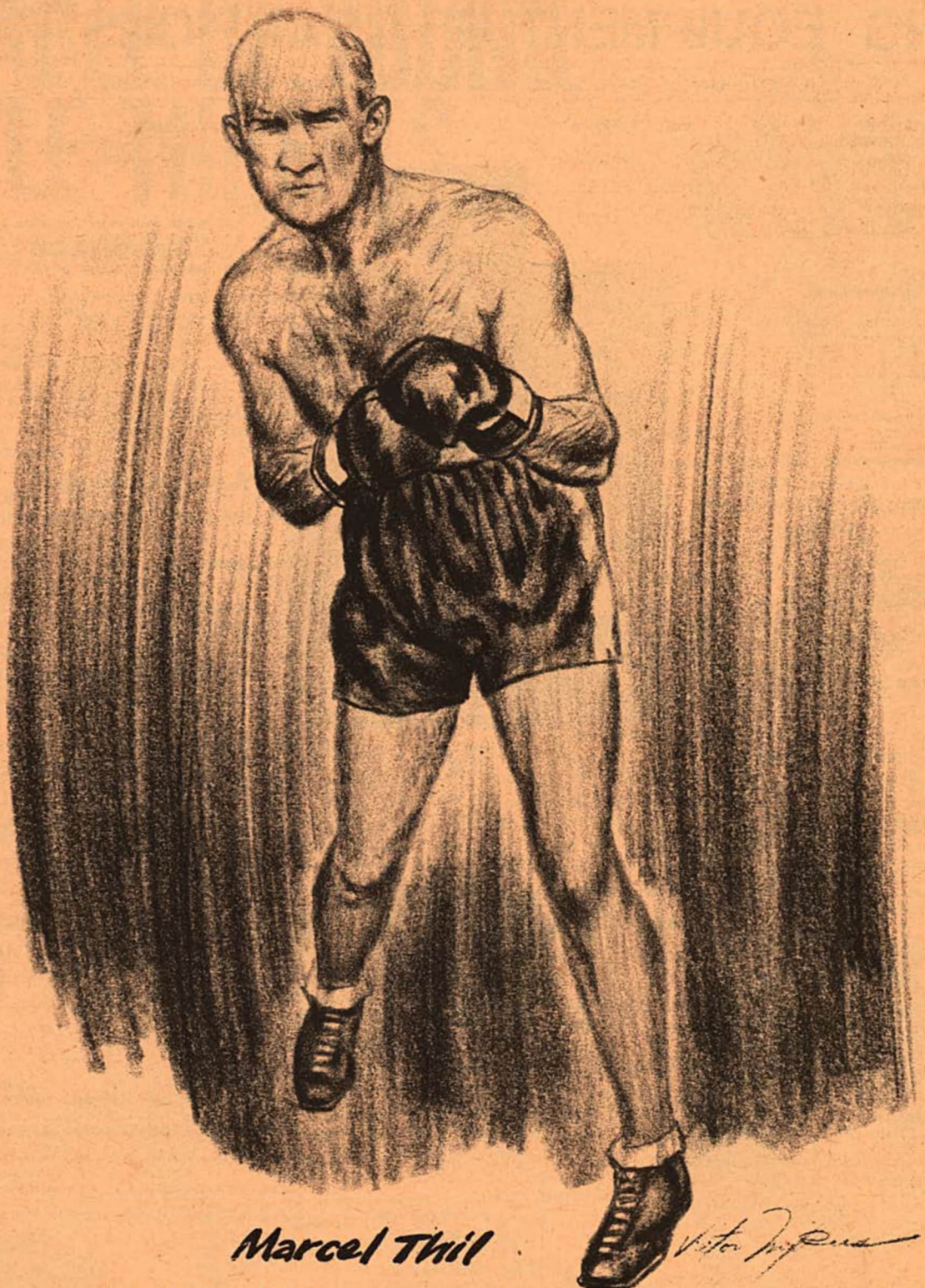

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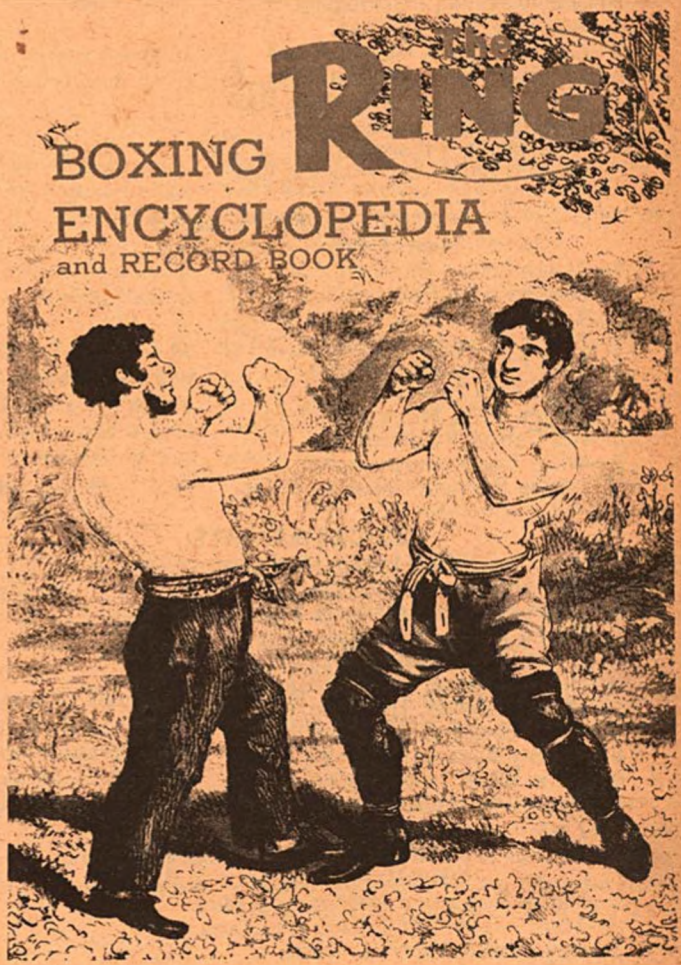

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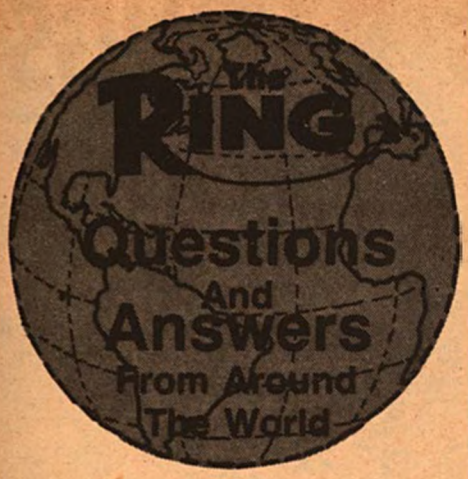


Q. How great a fighter actually was Jimmy Braddock when he outpointed Max Baer in 15 rounds?

Adolph Bernstein
San Francisco, Calif.

A. What happened to Baer nobody knows. He was not Baer. That should answer your question. Remember that Braddock did deck Louis in the first round and was a better fighter than generally given credit for.

Q. What was Carnera's No. 1 feat? Was it taking the title from Sharkey?

Rafe Garandola
Boston, Mass.

A. No. Primo's No. 1 achievement was going eleven rounds with Baer, who knocked him down eleven times.

Q. I have seen it in the Ring that Jimmy Wilde a flyweight, was the greatest boxer in British history. Is this possible? Wasn't it Henry Cooper?

Walter Kerr Craven
Nottingham, England

A. Wilde was a great boxer but the Answer Man always gave the No. 1 honor there to Jem Driscoll. Cooper was Britain's greatest heavyweight. He had Ali down and beaten when Angie Dundee pulled the ripped glove trick. Take your pick—Wilde, Driscoll and Cooper or a draw.

Q. Is Fidel La Barba alive and well? I do not see anything about him in the LA papers. I remember seeing him box when I lived in Hollywood and he was superb. We need fewer heavyweight stiffs and more La Barbas.

Rod Gervaise
New York, N.Y.

A. La Barba is very much alive and well, happily. You are right about the stiffs.

Q. Is it true that President Ford was a boxing coach at Yale or is that just a fable circulated here around Grand Rapids.

James J. Collins
Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. It is no fable. True from the authority of Yale athletic history and Artie Susskind.

Q. What is your rating of Takayama, who was knocked out by Duran in one round? Duran has called it a great achievement.

Frederico Rondon
Colon, Panama

A. When Duran stopped Takayama he stopped nobody. The Japanese had had only seven pro fights. The fight was the third in a row in which Duran had beaten nobody. The Panama Commission has been letting the champion get away with murder.

Q. What happened to De Jesus? Did his fracas with his trainer hurt him?

John J. Kiemdler
Houston, Texas

A. De Jesus was stopped by Duran because the Puerto Rican no longer could make 135 pounds. Nature turned him into a welter and he could not be in shape to fight a natural lightweight of class.

Q. Did John L. Sullivan earn a million dollars in his entire boxing career? I doubt it.

Walter Jenkins
Hackensack, N.J.

A. Yes, he did. He just about cleared the million mark with $222,000 to spare. How much did he leave after death? Virtually nothing. He was living on fees for lectures on the benefits of temperance.

Q. I am a Cornishman and am puzzled by the fact that American boxing historians, The Ring included, call Cornishman Bob Fitzsimmons an American fighter. It is a colossal error and should not be tolerated. I look for The Ring to correct the mistake and call Bob what he was, a Briton.

Hank Greatacre
Halifax, N.S.

A. Fitzsimmons did virtually all of his fighting in the United States and never protested being called an American fighter. There are some few such cases and it has become customary to designate a boxer as a possession of the nation in which he does his fighting. The Ring has called Bob an American fighter since it was established and it does not plan to make your suggested change.

Q. I never have been able to account for the victory of Floyd Patterson over Archie Moore. How did The Ring of that time explain this result, which made Patterson the recognized heavyweight titleholder.

Jack Blankenship
Chicago, Ill.

A. The Ring asked Moore how come he was beaten by the kid from Brooklyn and he replied, "I could not untrack myself. My feet felt like chunks of lead. I was not sufficiently mobile. And don't underrate Patterson." This appeared to furnish the answer to the apparent mystery.

Q. Is there any special reason for your running the results of fights between blacks in South Africa? Do they represent a special section of your circulation? Do those fighters read English? Their names, loaded with consonants, are problems for the printer and the reader.

Harry Blakely
Johannesburg, South Africa

A. The black fighters of South Africa are entitled to representation among the fighters of the world in The Ring. Many of them read English. Many of their fans read English. They never have been treated as an inferior group in this magazine and never will be, regardless of circulation.

Q. Do you have any information about a featherweight in New York in the 1800's by the name of Dandy Dinmont? I am of the Dinmont family and thus am interested in the Dandy. Have you anything like a record for that fighter?

Harold Dinmont
Boston, Mass.

A. We have searched in vain for your Dandy Dinmont and are persuaded that there was no such fighter. I believe somebody is hoaxing you.

Q. Was the Panama ring in which Lampkin was knocked out by Duran provided with the necessary soft material under the top canvas? It seems hard to believe that Ray suffered so severe a concussion in a regulation ring.

Thomas Washington
Washington, D.C.

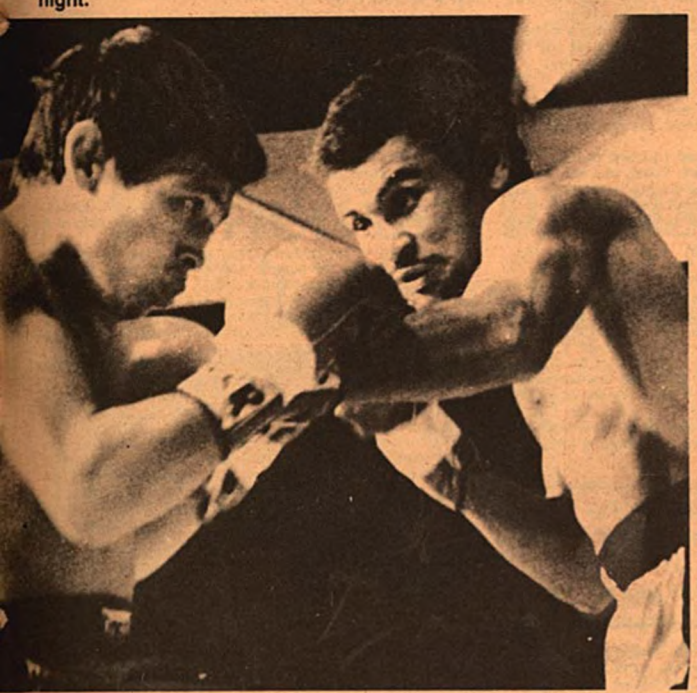
A. It was a regulation ring provided with the usual safeguards. Lampkin fell back on his head and the severity of the impact could not be prevented. Those things happen once in a while and are the unfortunate results of the profession. The Ring hopes that Lampkin is not affected by the mishap to a point at which effectiveness is impaired.

The RING camera clicks

John Conteh sipping champagne with a bunny at the London Playboy Club after winning the WBC light heavyweight title.

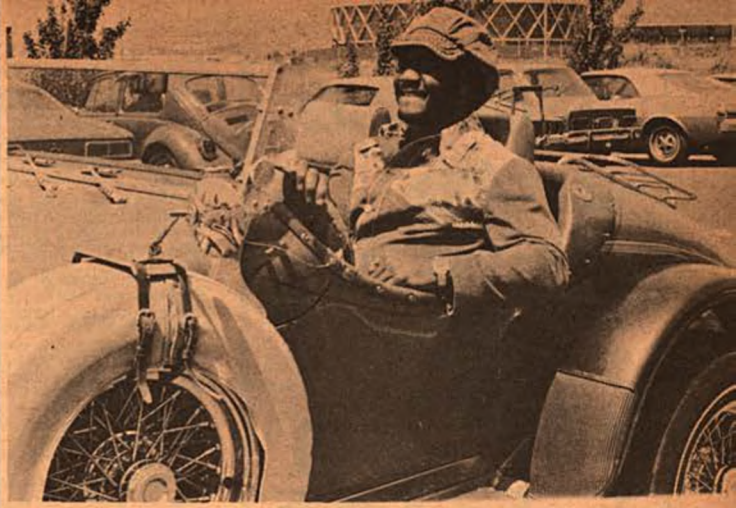
Pat Pineda sparring with the ex-bantamweight champion of the world, Soo Hwan Hong of Korea. Ms. Pineda has applied for a license to box in California.

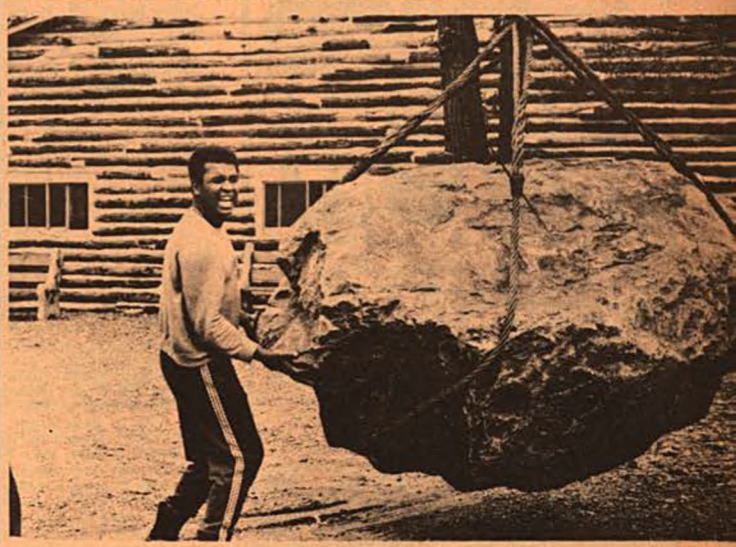
Dinny McMahon, ninety years old, seen accepting award for lifetime devotion to boxing from Al Coutare, president of V.B.A. Ring 49, of Connecticut. Billy Kowalczyk, president of Connecticut's Ring 2, holds second award to be given McMahon in one night.



Miguel Canto of Mexico, world flyweight champion, left, mixes it up during non title 10 round meeting with Dominican Republic's flyweight champion in their Merida, Mexico bout. Canto won the decision.

Tony Galento, shows left hand which dropped ex-heavyweight champion Joe Louis. With Tony is boxing manager Willie Gilzenberg who rates Tony as one of the hardest left hooking heavyweights of all time.





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ROSSMAN AND DONOVAN IN 10 ROUND YAWN IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa.—In one of the worst main events ever seen at the Spectrum Mike Rossman outpointed fellow middleweight Matt Donovan over ten appauling rounds. The highly publicized "Jewish Bobmer" turned out to be nothing more than a fizzle.

►These two reluctant warriors had met three weeks previously in Maryland with Rossman taking a close decision. They should have left it at that. The rematch provided little more than ten rounds of patty-cake.

►The lack of action had the crowd of 4,770 booing by the third and heading for the exists as early as the sixth. Neither boxer ever mounted a serious offense and should share equally in the blame. It was a pitiful showing by both.

►Trenton, N.J. veteran Sammy Goss, 130, decisioned game Dominican Fernando Jimenez, 127, in another ten-rounder. Goss needed a win and got it with a workman-like performance. Jimenez tried hard but lacked the strength to hold off Sammy's determined body attack.

►Hard punching Johnny Copeland, 140, stole the show with a seventh round TKO over local prospect Mike Everett in a third ten.

►The first two rounds Mike was all over Copeland digging hurtful shots in to the body. Copeland survived and dropped Everett in his tracks with a short right cross early in the third. Mike, also 140, beat the count and held his own the rest of the round.

►Everett rushed to the attack in the fourth and sent Copeland down and through the ropes with a right uppercut. Johnny got up but a left hook propelled him through the ropes again near the bell. Referee Charles Sgrillo made the mistake of helping Copeland to his feet instead of continuing the count after the bell as Pennsylvania rules indicate.

►Over the next two rounds Everett exhausted himself in an all out attempt to finish Copeland. Johnny rode out the storm and then in the seventh once again connected with his potent right. Mike was obviously hurt but still on his feet trying to fight back when Sgrillo stepped in and awarded Copeland a TKO victory. The fans hated to see such a thriller end that way and booed Sgrillo.

►Two local youngsters who had been recent losers came back with exciting KO wins. Frank Sumpter, 157, destroyed Chickie Mauro, 160, in four and Dan McNeil, 142, drilled L.C. Mack, 139, in two.

►Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 154, and Ray Pitts, 148, opened the show with a sometimes humorous but often boring four-round dance. Tarhocker won.

BLUE HORIZON—Baby Kid Chocolate's 8-round points win over Ron Meaweather topped one of the most exciting club show seen in Philadelphia in recent years. Light heavyweight Matthew Franklin knocked out Vandell "Big Boy" Woods in the sixth round of another scheduled eight spot.

►Chocolate, 121, chased Meaweather, 124½, all night but could never trap his tricky opponent long enough to do any real damage. Although it was a lively scrap the main event paled in comparison with the action packed prelims.

►Franklin, 174, spurred on by a cut eye, dumped Woods, 176½, for an 8-count in the second and put him away for good in the sixth. Franklin's finishing flurry was worthy of a champion.

►In a six-round heavyweight brawl C.J. Bar Brown, 197½, decisioned Donald Branch, 202. The highlight of this give and take match came when Branch accidentally decked referee Hank Cisco with a wild left hook.

►Late substitute Leo Lopez, 129½, from N.Y.C., outpunched localite Lynwood Snowden, 124½, over four brisk rounds. Both boxers showed potential and will be back.

►Bobby Drewrey, 155½, opened the show with a 4-round nod over a game Archie Andrews, 155. Andrews hit the boards in the second and fourth but never stopped trying.

UPPER DARBY, PA.—Professional boxing moved to the suburbs with the promotional team of Joe McGuigan and Clint Davidson stagging a show at the Tower Theater. Despite the appearance of world rated Richie Kates, the crowd was small and the card a financial loser.

►Kates, 177, struggled to a ragged 10-round decision over Paul Cardoza, 174, in the main event. Kates, who had beaten Cardoza two years ago, survived a flash knockdown in the seventh to earn the votes of all three officials. Richie tried to make a fight of it but Cardoza was more interested in holding than punching.

►Bob "Paycheck" Payton, 162, from Camden, N.J., outpointed Reggie Jones, 159, in a hard fought six-rounder. It looked like curtains for Payton in the opening frame when Jones hurt him with a volley of head shots. Bob hung on and came back to outbox the former Olympian the rest of the way.

►The highlight of the evening was Jose Resto's third-round knockout of previously unbeaten Ernest Vann in a Jr Lightweight clash. Resto, a game loser in most of his outings, connected with a perfect right hand and Vann crashed to the boards. Ernest, in a floundering attempt to beat the count, fell out of the ring and was lucky to escape serious injury.

►Jimmy Smith, 153, got the nod over Bobby Drewrey, 149, in a spirited four and Joey O'Donnel, 144, stopped gym-mate Robert Franklin in one.

DeGUZMAN OUTPOINTS ADIGUE FOR P.I. TITLE

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Manila, P.I. — Pedro Adigue, 140, junior welterweight champion of the Philippines was badly outpointed by Dan de Guzman, 140, in 10 rounds in Cabanatuan City.

Adigue showed his caliber in the third round when he punched his challenger from post to post. DeGuzman rallied in the last rounds and had Adigue on the verge of going down.

The referee and the two judges were in favor of the 19-year-old fighter and was cheered by 7,000 fans that packed the stadium. Gov. Eduardo Joson donated the trophy to the favorite son of Nueva Ecija. He was with Luis Tabuena, Chairman of the Games and Amusements Board.

Pablito Obreno, 130, knocked out Mike Benitez, 130, in the 9th round of the supporting main event. Pablito sent his rival to the canvas twice before putting him away for good.

Ramon Elorde, brother of Flash, 130, won a unanimous decision over Felipe Abuan, 130, in 10. With proper training and coaching he may someday follow in the footsteps of his famous br0ther.

Willie Abenir, 118, and Ernie Pinon, 118, were declared even by the referee after 8 rounds of slugging.

Erbito Salavarria, Orlando Javierto, Rudy Barro and Fernando Cabanela did their sparring with sparmates. The promotion was for the benefit of Municipal Social Action of the Council of Talavera.

DENNIS DEFEATS DANIELS MAKES IT 20 STRAIGHT

By JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa. — John "Dino" Dennis, 204, of North Attleboro, Mass., made it 20 wins without a defeat, as he unanimously outpointed veteran Terry Daniels, 194, of Beaumont, Texas.

Dennis, popular in the Scranton locale, scored with a good left jab throughout the contest as he made use of his reach advantage over his shorter foe. "Dino" hurt Daniels on a few occasions but had to settle for the decision over the well traveled and experienced Daniels.

An eight round bout saw Rochelle Norris, 201, of Atlantic City, a unanimous winner over Ernie Lassiter, 192, of Newark, N.J. Norris, upped his record to 13-1.

Light heavyweight Ray Elson, 174, of New York, had no problems of disposing of Cyclone Winters, 170, Jamaica. Elson, stopped his foe, who went down to stay after 59 seconds of the second round of a scheduled eight.

This was 15 wins without a loss for Elson.

Al Fletcher, 146, New York, in his pro debut was an impressive unanimous six round winner over Bobby Adams, 146, Glassboro, N.J. Fletcher was also named the winner of the Chic Feldman Memorial Award, as the outstanding fighter on the card.

In four, Edwin DeLeon, 124, Philadelphia, was a majority winner over Bobby Lendosky, 119, South Scranton.

The show attracted 2,345 fans paying out $8,995.

▲At Syracuse, the Central N.Y. Amateur Boxing Club presented another one of its amateur cards. Winners were, Paul O'Malley, Ron Lewis, Ray Horn, Frankie Murray, Jim Johnson, James Jackson, General John Mills, Clarence Hudson, Tommy Gwynn, Joe Munley, Jack Scollo, and Art Robinson.

▲Lakeside Country Club, Camberley — Tommy Dunn, Reading, 135¾, outscored Brian Jones, Croseserw, 139½, by 80-78 over eight, indicating that he didn't lose a round.

There was just one stage at which Dunn looked in momentary difficulty—in the seventh, when Jones' right got through his defenses. The Welshman followed up, but Dunn fought right back, and that was the end of Jones' moment of glory.

Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 151, outpointed Colin Davies, Axerfan, 156¼, by 79½-77 over eight. Francis virtually coasted home by neat jabbing and after the second Davies had no success at all.

Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 158, and Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 162, had an interesting set-to with Paddock revealing the cleaner punching to take an 80-77 points win. Plenty of action here.

Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 200, outpointed Sid Paddock, Southampton, 201½, over six by 59½-58½. A bit of a maul.

▲Locarno Ballroom, Portsmouth — Mike Manley, Pontypool, 157½, beat Charlie Cooper, Fareham, inactive for nearly 12 months, who retired with a cut lip at the end of the third.

John Depledge, Leeds, 210, stopped Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 197, the latter sustaining a cut over the left eye.

Wayne Evans, Waterlooville, 118, stopped Dave Connell, Manchester, 121, in the sixth, overcoming the handicap of a cut left eye.

Bryan Wilson, Birmingham, 128, kayoed Laurie Redfern, Liverpool, 127½, in the second with a right to the body. Redfern had been inactive for nine months.

▲World Sporting Club, London — In what was an unofficial eliminator for the British light-heavyweight title, Johnny Frankham, Reading, 177½, outpointed Phil Matthews, Nelson, 178, over eight hard rounds by 79-78½.

The fight was every bit as close as the score suggests. At one time it looked as if Rankham would be overwhelmed by the sheer ferocity of his opponent's attacks, but he took Matthews' pet punches well, and was able to come back and outbox his man.

This confirmed a previous victory, which Frankham won on points after being decked in the opening session. He didn't go down this time, but there were occasions when he looked mighty near to doing so. Matthews has a reputation of being a lethal puncher, and in the third a right swing had Frankham wobbly at the knees. A similar punch in the fifth looked to have Johnny shaky again, but he rallied.

Although at times outpunched, Frankham kept his accurate left jab working, and it was this weapon, plus his immense courage, that won him the fight.

Often he has been accused of too much clowning, but had neither the time nor the inclination against an aggressive Matthews, who threw punches from all angles in a vain endeavour to floor his man.

In the sixth, and again in the seventh, Matthews was censured for alleged misuse of the head, and it was noticeable that he was leg-weary. The final round was a humdinger, and this was Frankham at his very best. He had to be against such a redoubtable opponent as Matthews.

Richard Dunn, Halifax, 195½, beat Neville Meade, Swansea, 213½, who retired with an injured right hand at the end of the fourth.

Dunn had too much experience for Meade, who was decked in the third, and bruised and cut by the left eye.

Tony Moore, Hendon, 188, easily outscored Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 190, by 60-58 over six. Fenton was decked in the opening round, and fighting a losing battle thereafter. This confirmed a previous win for Moore.

Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 197, stopped Dave Fry, Bournemouth, 198, in the sixth and final round. Fry was very much on the receiving end with a cut under the left eye and a nose-bleed. He had been down for eight just prior to the referee's intervention.

Barton McAllister, Islington, 141, outscored Yotham Kunda, Swansea, 143, by 59½-59 over six. The busier man won.

▲York Hall, London — Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 137½, outpointed Gary Dunks, Stepney, 136¾, over eight exciting rounds by 79½-77½, and a cracking bout brought nearly

£9 in nobbins.

Claydon impressed in the early stages, using his left lead well, crossing his right accurately, and beating his man to the punch.

Dunks was bruised under the right eye, but kept coming forward, and although he showed plenty of aggression Claydon was able to score with good counterpunches.

Every round was action-packed as Dunks strove to get in some telling blows, and after the half-way stage Dunks showed up better without being able to make up much leeway.

With nose bleeding, and his eye injury worsening Dunks was handicapped, yet put in a grandstand finish that brought cheers from his supporters.

By the final session both were tired, but Claydon was always the cleaner puncher, and deserved the victory.

Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 159½, seemed a trifle fortunate to beat substitute Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 163¼. With Angus looking ahead on points his left eye was injured, causing the bout to be stopped in Cain's favor.

Angus kept cool, jabbed effectively, and was able to bring over several hurtful rights to the head that Cain didn't seem able to avoid. Both were marked. There was a swelling around Angus' left eye, and a cut over Cain's left eye.

It's not very often that both men's gumshields are knocked out, but Cain's went in the sixth, Angus's in the following round, with the exchanges hectic.

Just as it looked as if Angus was boxing his way to a points win, his eye injury worsened, and the bout was stopped. Unlucky Oscar.

Paul Davis, West Ham, 147¾, repeated a previous victory by outpointing Les Wint, Tottenham, 148, over six. Scoreline 59½-59. Wint's left eye was cut in the second round, but Davis was a good, in narrow, winner.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 154¼, stopped Joe Hannaford, Shrewsbury, 156, in two rounds. Hannaford hadn't been down, but was taking plenty of leather when the referee intervened.

Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 165½, outscored Pat Brogan, Crewe, 166, by 60-57 over six.

▲Cambridge Guildhall — Dave Green, Chatteris, 144, beat Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 148½, who retired in the seventh round with an injured left eye.

Green looked impressive, moving well, jabbing neatly, and obviously a quick learner under manager Andy Smith, who also looks after world heavyweight title contender Joe Bugner. In fact Andy promoted this show, the first in Cambridge for ten years.

Simpson doesn't lack courage, but was out-maneuvered. He probably appreciated a brief rest at the end of the third round, when the ring lights failed, the boxing continuing with only the lights in the hall while the trouble was being diagnosed.

Green was in no hurry. He picked his punches, slowed his man down, turned on the pressure in the seventh, and a final left to the head that landed on his opponent's left eye prompted Simpson to call it a night.

Carl Watson, Camberwell, 174, stopped Harry White, Kettering, 172, in 6.

Keith Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 134, outscored Steve Gaze, 135, over 6, a repeat performance.

Barton McAllister, Clapham, 141½, easily outpointed Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 148, 6.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Alan Salter, Peckham, 140½, drew with Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 142¼, over eight.

There was much to enthuse over, with Salter doing his best to land his famed left hook, and McLean nullifying this punch by keeping it at close quarters as far as possible.

McLean kept working, scored frequently with rights to the head, and there were quite a few close-quarter exchanges that brought cuts to both men, Salter on the right cheekbone, and McLean over both eyes.

The closing rounds were especially hectic, but overall a draw was a popular result.

Jim Montague, Belfast, 149½, outscored Yotham Kunda, Swansea, 148½, by 80-76½ over eight. Kunda was decked in the third, but Montague had to survive a cut left eye in the seventh.

Augustus Simms, Brixton, 158, kayoed Mick Lock, Croydon, 159½, in 2.

Ray Fallone, Battersea, 143½, outpointed Tom Howard, Portsmouth, 145½, over 6.

Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 155, outpointed debutant Malcolm Howard, Portsmouth, 152, by 60-58½ over 6. The verdict was disputed, but seemed just.

▲St. Andrew's Sporting Club, Glasgow — Former British welterweight champion Bobby Arthur, Coventry, 151, outpointed John Smith, Glasgow, 153½, over eight by 80-79.

Smith started confidently, jabbing effectively, but Arthur, having only his second bout in 18 months, improved as the fight progressed, and did a bit of neat left-jabbing on his own account.

Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 129, stopped Barry Harris, Manchester, 129, retired at the end of 5 with his nose bleeding and mouth cut.

Hughie Smith, Chapel Hill, 140, outpointed Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 139, over 6. Smith jabbed well.

Rab Affleck, Irvine, outscored Steve Walker, Birmingham, 175, over 6 rounds.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Henry Rhiney, Luton, 155½, gained his third points verdict over John Smith, Glasgow, 155, by 79½-77 over eight.

Smith took the fight to his opponent from the start, but was warned for laying on, and as soon as Rhiney had got his range Smith was being caught with good right hands to the chin.

Jim Montague, Belfast, 143, outscored Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140, over eight twos by 80-78, not losing a round.

McAllister was willing enough, but his enthusiasm brought warnings for misuse of the head, and southpaw Montague was always in control.

John Sagar, Barnsley, 140, kayoed Eric Williams, Llandeilo, 142, in four with a left to the chin.

Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 162, outpointed Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 160, in 6. This confirmed a previous win.

▲Hemel Hempstead Pavilion — Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 146, managed by Ernie Fossey, the promoter of the show, was floored in the fourth but got up to deck his man twice in outpointing Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 150, over eight by 78½-78.

A narrow verdict, and a dramatic contest. Both were marked facially. Ryce was cut over the left eye, and his face swollen.

A right to the head dropped Hardiman for three in the fourth but by the sixth he was in his stride again and after he decked Ryce in the seventh Alan forged ahead slightly.

The last round was a humdinger. Both threw rights that landed simultaneously, but it was Ryce who went down, and in spite of a desperate rally had to concede defeat, albeit it was close.

Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 129, drew with Clive Hogben, 124, Kettering, over eight twos.

Nicky Bevans, 150, outscored Mick Hinton, Penge, 148, 6.

Yotham Kunda, Swansea, 147, beat Mickey Morse, Edgware, 150, who was retired by his corner at the end of 4 after he had been cut by the right eye.

Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 136½, beat Dick Goodman, Kettering, 138, who retired at the end of 7.

MARITIME AMATEURS BOX WELL IN CANADA GAMES

By FRED BISHOP

Halifax, N. S.—While there were no professional cards in the Maritimes in February, the amateurs had a great month as the Province's team at the Canada Winter Games in Lethbridge, Alta. put up a fine show. Members of the eleven man were coached by Dave Singer while Len Shaw acted as manager.

Taking the trip were Rusty MacIntosh, New Waterford, Mike MacNeil, Sydney Mines, Neil 'Snake' McMullin, Sydney Mines, Gallivan MacDonald, Antigonish, Sandy Larade, New Waterford, Calvin Lawrence, brothers Kevin and Donnie Downey, Alan O'Halloran, Chris Clark and Ricky Anderson all of Halifax.

The Nova Scotia team finished third in the country by picking up one gold medal, by Chris Clark in the featherweight class, while Kevin Downey and Ricky Anderson were awarded silver medals, Downey a lightheavy while Anderson is light flyweight. Heavyweight Calvin Lawrence won a bronze along with middleweight Sandy Larade.

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PUNCH LINES

NEW YORK FANS SURFEITED

New York fight fans have been surfeited on an overdose of cookies. If it isn't Muhammad Ali it is nobody. There is a lot of interest around the country re, if the George Foreman they saw stopped by Ali, on the screen, was the real George. He looked as if he had taken his training badly. There is a tendency to doubt the authenticity of the fight and that is nasty and ill founded. It was a 100 percent on the level fight. Just another case of Cassius getting a terrific break in a poor fight. Just go through his record and take note of the numerous breaks he got, right from the fight in which he took the title from Liston. It is amazing.

Frank Daley
Minneapolis, Minn.

GARDEN DID RIGHT THING

I will miss the Monday night fights of the Garden in the Felt Forum. But Mike Burke did the right thing when he ordered the Forum schedule suspended and the rioters, who forced the closure, to be content with their pints. The riots in the Forum made a bad impression on the general public in New York. The security men hired by the Garden showed little interest in the job of maintaining order and thus Riotsville, as The Ring called it, flourished. The Forum fighters will have to find work in other places. But most of them will find fights lacking and they can blame the boys with the pints of rotgut. Good for Mike Burke.

Jose Guzman
New York, N.Y.

VELASQUEZ PROTECTS LATINS?

I have been following the workings of the W.B.A. and the W.B.C. closely and have determined that the W.B.C. and Ramon Velasquez spend a lot of time protecting Latin Americans. I am amazed that the onetime absolutely fair and unbiased British Board is in the W.B.C. fold. The British Board has lost its virility and freedom from prejudice. Now there is a new group which is telling British boxing what to do. I also miss the oldtime authority of the National Sporting Club, which I note from Olver's reports that the shows being put on by the National are second and third rate. This means it will not pay for good cards. Putting on the fights it is showing will break it up.

Lockwood French
Montreal, Canada

IS GARDEN BOXING DYING?

There are rumors galore about boxing in Madison Square Garden. The first move toward reported abolition, they say, was the suspension of the fights in Felt Forum, called by The Ring Magazine Riotsville. The announcement that Mike Burke will authorize seven big fights in the Garden's big arena raised the question as to where he will find seven fights within the financial limitations of the Garden's main stock holders. Many major matches which had been reported headed for the Garden have fallen apart or gone elsewhere. Muhammad Ali has spoiled the New York fight public in so far as accepting other headliners. Ali likes to fight in New York but the Muslim governors in Chicago do not like the Garden. I would say that the outlook for the Garden and big fights is not good.

Mike McCormick
Los Angeles, Calif.

NOTHING ON THE LEVEL?

I circulate a lot among boxing fans and note a tendency to question the honesty of the Ali-Foreman fight. George could not have been that bad. He fought for four rounds and then he started to lean on Muhammad who leaned on the ropes and both leaned on the credulity of the fans. They get no more of this man's money. I do not say, out and out, that the fight was a fake, but let us have no more such matches, especially at those prices. The guarantees do not make the fights. They make the fighters arrogant.

Harold K. Wayland
Dallas, Texas

CHACON VS. ARGUELLO

The most important fight before the public would send Bobby Chacon against Alexis Arguello for the featherweight title of the world. The riddling W.B.C. and W.B.A. will not let them meet. If the fight took place Chacon wou would give the Latin a beating in eight or nine rounds.

I have seen Arguello fight and he is good. But he is no Chacon. I can understand how and why Oliveras lost to Arguello. Ruben could not have been in fine condition. Oliveras in superb shape would be too much for Alexis. Let's have the most important match arranged where it would be appreciated most, in Los Angeles.

Smithie Galang
Los Angeles, Calif.

MANY GREATS BARRED FROM N.Y.

THE Garden in New York is dying for action in spite of the fact that there are many great boxers who never have had a chance to show in the Big Town. What's wrong with the Garden matchmaking? Why does the Garden strengthen the popular notion that if a fighter is not a heavyweight he does not belong in the big arena? I would like to see Licata in the Garden. But despite the fact that he had proved himself a great fighter and has had more than 50 fights he is not scheduled to appear in the Garden. There are others. Why is Norton barred out of the Garden and Jerry Quarry gets chance after chance? It is obvious that there is something absolutely wrong with the matchmaking in the New York arena.

Henry I. Reynolds
Jersey City, N.J.

CALLS JEFFRIES TOPS

NO doubt The Ring has received hundreds of letters protesting the designation of Joe Louis as the greatest heavyweight of all time. I want to add my voice to the holler of dissent. Louis would have had no chance against Jim Jeffries. The Boilermaker was a bigger, stronger, and in all ways, more dangerous fighter than Joe. Could Louis have gone the old 25 round distance? Could Louis have beaten Corbett in 23 rounds? Jeffries was so far ahead of Louis it pains me to write this protest. As a matter of fact Dempsey was better than Louis, by a big margin. Imagine, if you can, Conn lasting even ten rounds against Dempsey.

Robert H. Kilduff
Los Angeles, Calif.

A BOOST FOR PARANSSUS

THE one and only Parnassus is dead. The wisest fight man in the world is gone. He knew more about boxing, about matchmaking, about sending style against style, about public response. I hope that The Ring will not fail to give him his just dues. Parnassus consolidated the Mexican fans of the Los Angeles area and made that vast group the No. 1 clientele of the world. Mr. Editor, give him everything that is coming to him in praise and appreciation. There never will be another fight promoter like him.

Jose Gonzalez
Hollywood, Calif.

WAS BAER JEWISH?

HERE'S an answer to a letter in the latest issue in the Punch Lines column: A writer said "I know that (Max Baer) was not

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RICHARDS BEATS SCHUTTE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN TITLE

By ED CLARK

▲**Pretoria, South Africa** — Jimmy Richards retained his heavyweight title by beating Mike Schutte on points over 12 rounds. Not an exciting bout like the others but Richards used effective jabs and uppercuts and they were enough to offset the bulldozer style of the burly Schutte.

After two quiet rounds, a clash of heads in the third had Schutte gashed above the left eye and the action heated up only to peter out from the fourth. The last round had the fans cheering. Schutte had Richards wobbly with two left and right hooks but Richards is one of the fittest boxers around and was able to weather the storm.

During the fight Schutte was cautioned for boring, butting, elbow work, and holding thus costing him valuable points.

Richards was also cautioned for various infringements, and was also cut in the third round head clash.

Coert Fourie can beat Gert Craemer but not when he comes in weakened to make the junior middleweight limit. All-action Craemer won the junior middleweight title by stopping Fourie in the ninth. Craemer boxed and clearly outclassed Fourie with his greater speed, bobbing and weaving and darting in and out with combinations. Not only that his blows carried power, Fourie, in a desperate attempt, came alive in the fourth and almost stopped his man but he was weakened by reducing and in the ninth after Fourie's two trips to the canvas referee Peter Lock halted proceedings.

Apie Smith halted Fred Kingma, 3, welters; Ray Eardley iced Dave Koen, 3, welters.

▲**Durban** — Jan Kies, S. African middleweight champion showing all around improved ability was complete master over Dominic Germishuys in retaining his title on a KO in the sixth round. The "Kies Machine" remoulded by moving into the Steyn camp showed complete superiority over Germishuys in this their fourth meeting.

From the first when Germishuys's right eye was cut, the left hook did the damage, Kies used his left and in the second landed it again with power and Germishuys who managed to beat the count but arose a beaten man. Kies and Germishuys were off target in the third but in the next Kies was again on top. Germishuys boxed as best he could but Kies using his left as hook, jab, cross found the target.

In the final round shortly after the start a vicious left hook, a right cross, and another hard left sent Germishuys to the canvas. He stayed on his knees until the final count.

Les Baker, the Cape Town junior welterweight who impressed by defeating Kokkie Olivier was again a winner, this time over "spoiler" Alec McMillan. Baker was never able to get going for McMillan nullified all attempts and near the end Baker "lost his cool" and committed infringements.

McMillan kept in close and clinched for most of the fight. The decision after 8 rounds in favor of Baker was clear but it was greeted with derision.

Plucky Lionel de Haas from Welkom lost all 6 rounds against lanky Mike Buttle, former bantam champ but Buttle knew he was in a fight till the end. Three times de Haas was sent to the canvas but it was an exciting bout, in the featherweight division.

Peet Bothma stopped Harry Barbaris, 4, welters; Errol Heath outscored Kosie Oosthuizen, 4, heavies; Eddie Scott decisioned Robbie Kleynhans, 4, middleweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — At the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium, 9,000 cheering fans erupted with joy when former world bantam king Arnold Taylor, having his first fight since July, stopped John Mitchell of Scotland in the fourth rounf of a scheduled 10 round bout. Taylor was like a fighting tiger as he tore into Mitchell and Mitchell was down three times before the referee Peter Lock halted proceedings. It was a long right that put Mitchell down the first time, then two left hooks did the job. Taylor in his eagerness to end the fight was wild with his blows but Mitchell was way out of his class being in there with Taylor, in this featherweight bout.

Gert Steyn, welter champ, had an easy 10 rounds points win over Mickey Flynn of England. Using every punch in the book, especially his chopping right and left hooks, Steyn hammered his man in this one-sided contest. There were no knockdowns but Steyn had his man going in the sixth, eighth and last but could not put him away. Flynn's left eye was cut in the eighth and bled profusely but he showed gameness in lasting.

Andries Steyn scored a close but booed decision over Scotland's Angus McMillan after 10 hard fought rounds in the lightweight division. Steyn was on top in the first half but the Scot had the second half and was somewhat unlucky. Steyn was the more marked at the end of the fight with blood from cuts above both eyes.

McMillan chased Steyn around the ring in the sixth but Steyn rallied in the seventh, then the other eye was cut in the ninth and he had to fight for all he was worth. Steyn was jaded and off-form and will have to show great improvement to return to world ratings.

Many of the crowd came especially to see the new rising heavyweight hope Gerrie Coetzee. They were not disappointed as Coetzee is all action and had the fans screaming as he used a hard right hook to the head to KO Irishman Steve Foley in the third. Thru the ropes in the first Foley was sent spinning in the next by Gerrie then shot back to catch Coetzee hard with a looping left to the chin but Coetzee is tough and took the blow well. Coetzee used a long left to find the mark and also hooked off the same hand. Foley, too, threw two good rights in the second but was being outboxed by Coetzee. Foley was down twice before the end in the third.

Ray Eardley and Hendrik Ludick ended up even after 4 (welterweights).

Soweto, Johannesburg — Victor Ntloko couldn't make the weight for the Transvaal middleweight title so the bout against Mike Ramagole was reduced from 10 to 8 rounds. Ramagole won the verdict on points.

Other results: Joseph Tsotetsi drew with Derrick Phatoe, 8, feathers; Jeremiah Nzelwane edged out George Selebe, 6, junior welters; Peter Mathebula KO'ed McDonald Mpanza, 1, flyweights; Philemon Nkosi outscored Benjamin Molokeng, 6, lightweights; Paulus Mnisi decisioned Evans Gwiji, 4, feathers.

Springs — Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane outboxed and outpunched Victor "Black Eagle" Tshabalala over 12 hectic rounds to retain his junior welterweight title at the Kwa Thema Civic Center. There were no knockdowns although Sekgapane made Tshabalala's head his target and by the ninth Tshabalala's left eye was puffed up and beginning to close. Sekgapane pounded his man in the last two stanzas but the challenger was there at the end. Tshabalala was warned for holding in the second and low blow in the next. Tshabalala gave a good account of himself using a vast range of blows. Sekgapane was unmarked.

MIKE BAKER UPSETS SAENZ

By BUDDY EY

Landover, Md. — Promoter Eli Hanover and matchmaker Joe Poodles put together a boxing show at the Capitol Centre that the 4,800 attending fans will not soon forget.

Irish Mike Baker, 156, Spartanburg, S.C., and Leo Kid Saenz, 156, Baltimore based, clashed in one half of a double 10 round main bout. Baker snapped the Mexican Kid's winning streak by earning the unanimous 10 round decision. Irish Mike bewildered Leo with a brilliant display of footwork and hard combination punches that bloodied the Mexican's nose and closed his left eye. The night belonged to Baker.

In the second slated 10 rounder, Johnny Gant, 145, Washington, D.C., abandoned his usual boxing style and slugged it out with Clyde Washington, 143, New Orleans, La. The strategy worked well because Johnny dropped Clyde in the 3rd round and was thrashing him at will when referee Tom Kelly terminated the bout after 2:15 seconds of the 5th heat.

Tim Blue Walker, 143, Washington, D.C., scored 3 knockdowns in the 1st round to end his affair with Sonny Oliver, 148, Akron, Ohio. The time was 2:14.

Keith Averette, 148, Akron, Ohio, got up from a 4th round knockdown and swarmed all over C.J. Faison, 153, Washington, D.C., to haul down the 6 round decision.

Ron Smoke Green, 136, Baltimore, used a vicious left hook to batter gamester Billy Bell, 139, Washington, D.C., into a state of helplessness after 2:35 of the 5th round.

Donald Biff "The Terror" Cline, 181, Silver Spring, Md., needed only 1:01 seconds of the 1st round to flatten Sam Gooden, 196, Akron, Ohio. Cline is the son of the well known veteran handler, Chris Cline.

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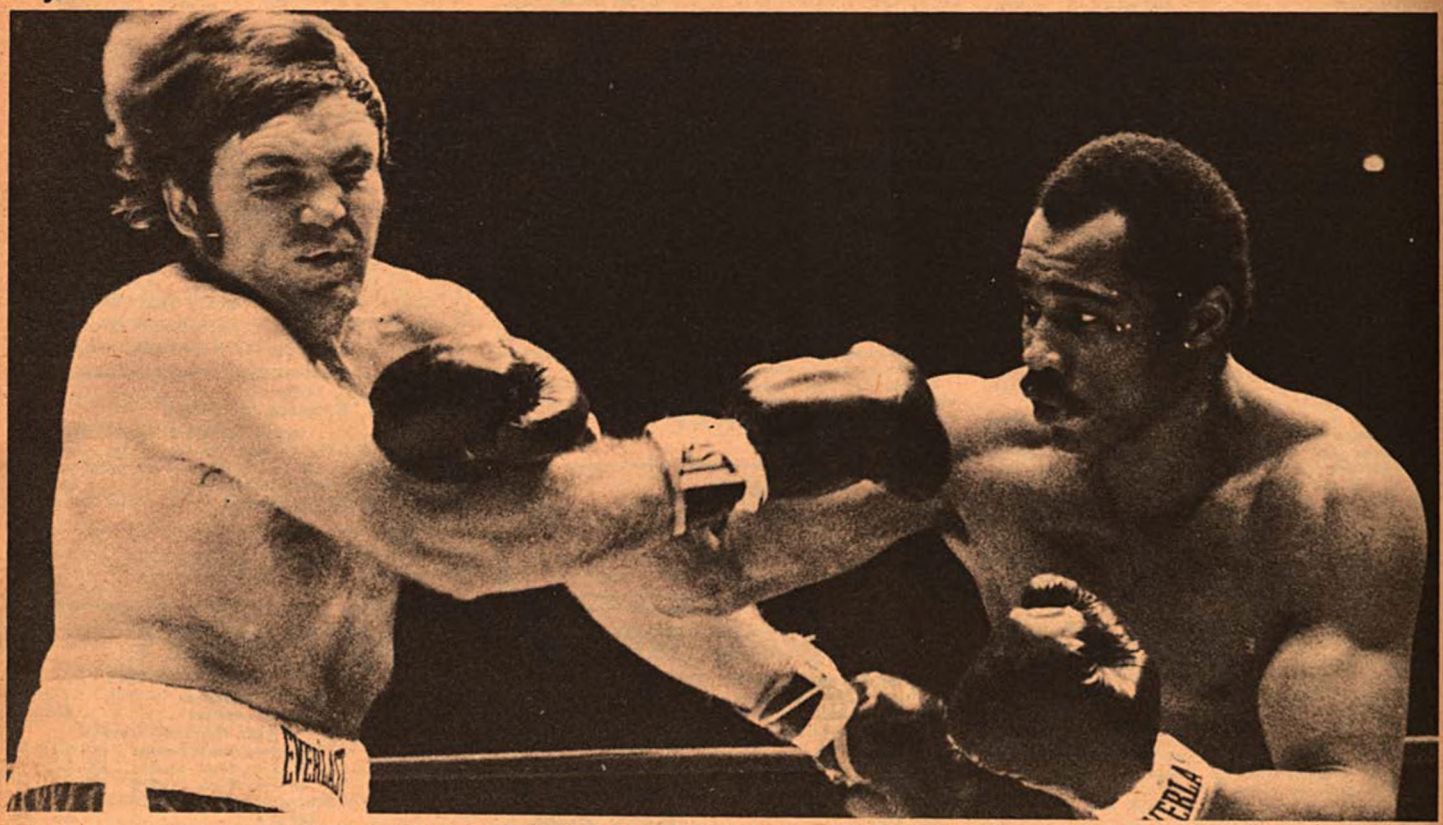
NORTON BLUDGEONS QUARRY OUT OF RING CAREER WITH TKO IN FIFTH ROUND-BREVITY

By JOHN ORT



Ken Norton, right, connecting with a right to the jaw of Jerry Quarry in the 12 round contest at Madison Sq. Garden. Norton won the contest on a TKO at 2:29 of the 5th round. When Quarry's blood runneth over.

KEN NORTON, 218½, put the finishing touches to the career of the former "White Hope" Jerry Quarry. Referee Johnny LoBianco stopped the bout at 2:29 of the 5th round in Madison Square Garden.

Quarry, 207, was not in the best of shape; his belly hung out over his trunks. Norton, on the other hand, looked like a Greek God.

The contest started with Jerry moving in, landing left hooks to the body. Kenny backed off, jabbing with a stiff left into the face of the oncoming Irishman. Near the end of the round Norton scored with good right hand leads to the head.

Round two was Jerry's biggest chance to end the bout. He connected with strong hooks to the body which hurt Norton. Ken twice pulled up his trunks in this round hoping to give Quarry less of a target. At the end of the round both slugged it out toe to toe with Jerry having the edge.

The turning point of the bout came in round three when Norton tagged Jerry with an overhand right which opened a cut over his right eye. Quarry, seeing the blood, knew it was bad and opened up on Ken with everything he had. The San Diego boxer was hit with lefts and rights to the body and was hurt a few times. Jerry couldn't land the big blow to end the bout. All he did was to punch himself out.

Norton started the fourth round with stiff jabs to the face. Jerry's cut over the right eye reopened, his left eye started to close. He could hardly see at all, punching wild at anything that moved.

At this point Norton knew he had the bout. Staying in close he began tagging Jerry with hard lefts and rights to the head as Quarry became nothing but a game punching bag.

The fifth round was similar to the fourth with Quarry's face and chest red with his blood. Referee LoBianco stopped the contest with Quarry being hit at will against the ropes.

There were no knockdowns but Quarry looked as if it would just be a matter of time until Norton would deck him.

After the bout Quarry stated, "I'm disappointed but not disgusted. I tried and gave it a vain effort."

Jerry also said that he was hanging up the gloves.

In Norton's dressing room the No. 3 ranked heavyweight said, "The turning point for me was the third round. He punched him-

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CANTO SUCCESSFUL IN FLYWEIGHT TITLE DEFENSE

By EDUARDO AMER

Merida, Yucatan — Miguel Canto, 112, world flyweight champion, won a split decision from Ignacio Espinal, 112, of Dominican Republic, in ten rounds. Canto was floored in the third round.

Vicente Pool, 117, gained a booed decision over Jose Sanchez, 121, in ten. Jose Baquedano, 145, kayoed Ramiro "Sonrisas" Ruvalcaba, 146, in four. Antonio Nava, 126, TKO'ed William Valencia, 126, in the tenth and last round. "Mulato" Morales, 110, destroyed Rene "Borreguito" Torres, 108, in one. Attendance, 13,000; Gross Receipts (live gate), $80,000.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Alberto "Costeno" Morales, 111, is the new flyweight champion of Mexico. He bested Juan Jose "Negro" Guzman, 110, in 12 rounds. Jose Torres, 126, TKOed Enrique Garcia, 127, in five. Abundio Cortes, 112, lost to Aureliano Castillo, 110, in ten.

▲**Minatitlan, Veracruz** — Leoncio Ortiz, 134, TKO'ed Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 134, in the sixth and retained the Mexican lightweight title. "Guerrero" Ibarra, 116, TKO'ed "Cachorro" Bustamante, 115, in four.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Mario Chavez, 112, defeated Miguel "Mike" Albornoz, 111, in ten. Alejandro Davila, 117, TKO'ed Rafael Varela, 117, in six. Jesus Martinez, 117, TKO'ed Ramiro Martinez, 116, in 4. Armando Cardona, 115, TKO'ed Jorge Ramirez, 115, in four. Wilbert Lozada, 112, beat Javier Paredes, 113, in four.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Carlos Mimila, 125, lost by a disqualification to Salvador "Lobito" Lozano, 124, in eight.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Exal Nava, 134, stopped "Rielero" Castaneda, 135, in 6. Tony Monterrubio, 134, KO'ed Cury "El Estudiante," 134, in 4.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Pedro Jimenez, 125, halted Jose Angel Saucedo, 125, in 3. Alfonso Carranza, 118, embalmed Orlando Martinez, 119, in two.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Leo "Cuervo" Castellanos, 112, TKO'ed Juan Alvarez, 112, in 6. Mario Gatica, 111, knocked out Silverio Perez, 111, in 4. Joel Gatica, 111, and Carmelo Montes, 112, drew in 8.

▲**Morelia, Michoacan** — Ricardo Arredondo, 131, TKO'ed Johnny Martinez, 130, in seven. Babe Lopez, 117, KO'ed "Negro" Torres, 117, in 7.

▲**La Paz, Baja California** — Carlos Mendoza, 120, of Panama, TKO'ed Jose Luis Soto, in nine. Antonio Becerra, 116, nailed Lupe Martinez, 116, in 3. Jose Tolosa, 115, TKO'ed Memo Cerecero, 115, in 7.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Julio Mendez, 136, TKO'ed Fitzroy Guisseppi, 137, of British Honduras, in 3. Memo Ortiz, 117, TKO'ed Roy "Shorty" Clarke, 117, of British Honduras, in the first round. Joel Valdez, 121, TKO'ed Sergio Martinez, 122, in 8.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Ex olympic Emeterio Villanueva, 155, and Manuel Fierro, 152, technically drew in 7.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Lupe Pintor, 113, KO'ed Martin Valencia, 110, in 6. Roberto Valenzuela, 112, TKO'ed Pancho Cabrera, 112, in 7. Alejandro Zaragoza, 117, won by a disqualification over Raul Reyes, 117, in three.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jose Luis Meza, 125, TKO'ed Alejandro Perez, 124, in 8. Alejandro Agosto, 121, TKO'ed Ventura Sanchez, 121, in 8.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Gaby Morgan, 115, TKO'ed Carrillo Martinez, 117, in 5. "Chamaco" Ruiz, 111, TKO'ed Elio Ochoa, 111, in 7. Hernan Cueto, 124, TKO'ed Marco A. Bobadilla, 124, in two.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila** — Ricardo Delgado, 113, outpointed "Chamaco" Cazares, 113, in ten.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 134, defeated Esteban Chupin, 134, in 12 and retained the lightweight crown of Guerrero State. Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 119, won a technical decision from Armando Cardona, 119, in ten.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Samuel Cachorro, 118, polished off Federico Duran, 118, in nine.

▲**Puebla** — Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 119, disposed of "Gallito" Ruiz, 119, in five.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Mariano Garma, 113, won from Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, in ten. Romulo Cortes, 112, and Chucho Loria, 112, drew in 10. Javier Garcia, 111, TKO'ed Kid Valente (Francisco Cauich), 112, in 10. Jose Segovia, 117, TKO'ed Gabriel "Baby" Salazar, 118, in 3. Panchito Sarabia, 110, TKO'ed Jose Manuel Gonzalez, 109, in two.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Arturo Merino, 125, TKO'ed Memo Cruz, 125, in 3. Jose Flores, 123, flattened Julio Cruz, 124, in 6. Maximo Rangel, 119, gained Ruben Garcia, 120, in 8. Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 116, demolished Alejandro Lopez, 116, in 3.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alfonso Ibarra, 124, decisioned Magallo Lozada, 124, in ten. Francisco Javier Nunez, 117, obtained bantamweight title of Jalisco State when he outscored Mariano Chavez, 117, in 12.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Chucho Plata, 124, iced Jose Luis Solis, 124, in one.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Hipolito Hernandez, 111, won by a disqualification from "Chamaco" Ramos, 111, in 7.

▲**Matamoros, Tamaulipas** — Roberto "Kid" Ruvaldino, 118, beat Rogelio Lara, 119, in ten. "Cubano" Hernandez, 117, outpointed Miguel Cruz, 117, in 12, and became new bantamweight champion of Matamoros State.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila** — Ruben "Coneja" Ruiz, 132, and Ernesto Davis, 132, of Panama, fought a "no contest" bout in 9.

▲**Ciudad Del Carmen, Campeche** — Babe San Martin, 116, KO'ed Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 113, in 3. Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 130, flattened Miguel Angel Portugal, 129, in four.

▲**Campeche** — Gabriel "Baby" Salazar, 117, won by a disqualification from Manuel "Melin" Castillo, 118, in 8.

▲**Durango** — Gonzalo Olvera, 112, bested Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, in ten. Othon Guzman, 145, and Juan Menchaca, 145, drew in ten.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 119, lost by TKO to Juan Antonio Lopez, 119, in six. Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 112, easily outscored Catalino Flores, 113, Philippines, in ten. Jorge David Monzon, 125, whipped Sebastian Echegarray, 125, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Pedro Flores, 112, decisioned Evaristo Perez, 112, in ten. Juan Pablo Oropeza, 124, technically kayoed Memo Cruz, in five. Felipe "Loba" Gallegos, 117, won over Santiago Hernandez, 117, in 8.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — "Moro" Rodriguez, 112, stopped "Torito" Vazquez, 111, in 7. "Soldado" Cardenas, 144, beat Aristeo Castro, 145, in 10. Juan Mendez, 124, KO'ed Jose Nemecio, 124, in 2.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Jesus "Tauro" Hernandez, 124, and Guillermo Becrra, 123, drew in 10. Jorge Mejia, 117, put Eleazar Ramirez, 117, to sleep in the very first round. Eduardo Flores, 144, disposed of Carlos Vazquez, 114, in four.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alfredo Carranza, 118, iced Fernando "Oso" Vazquez, in one. Juan Rodriguez, 112, TKO'ed Jose Luis Torres, 112, kid brother of famous Efren "Alacran" Torres, in seven.

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SUMMERHAYS WINS SO DOES GRAY; CALGARY REVIVES GAME IN STYLE

By FRANK ALLNUTT

CALGARY, ALA.—After an absence of more than three years, professional boxing returned to this Western city with the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede backing a fine card arranged by All Canada Sports. The card held in the sports arena known as the Corral was unique in its presentation, it included two 'firsts' for Canadian boxing namely, three Canadian title bouts took place, these were official bouts sanctioned by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation. Secondly, two brothers, Gary and Johnny Summerhays, both National champions defended their titles on the same card. Finally the entire card consisted of Canadian fighters.

Dr. Grant Stewart of the Calgary Boxing Commission after his medical examination was high in his praise of the physical and medical fitness of all the contestants appearing on the card. Good co-operation by the officials of the Calgary Exhibition combined with that of the Calgary Boxing Commission the show went off without a hitch.

In the opening six round middleweight bout Damiano Pellegrino 163 the former Italian middleweight amateur champion now living in Toronto was a unanimous decision winner over a stubborn, gutty Gary St. Germaine (Toronto) 160. It was Pellegrino's second pro bout in Canada and he shows promise. The crowd warmly gave both boxers a fine hand after the final bell. Germaine never gave up trying, the fans still like a good loser.

Gary Summerhays, (Brantford), the Canadian light heavyweight champion carried far too many 'bombs' for Dennis Cochrane (Toronto) making his first start as a light heavy weighed in at 167 and was taking a crack at the national title. It was obvious to the 3500 fans at the conclusion of the opening round, no way would the bout last the scheduled twelve. Summerhays connected with some powerful blows during the second round, Cochrane lacked the power to hold off his opponent. Just prior to the bell to end the second round Cochrane was stunned and shaken by a hard hook to the ribs followed by a right to the chin. Starting off in the third, the champion sensing a K.O. win continued right where he left off. Cochrane was decked for an eight count early in the round, a hard body blow by Summerhays and referee Al Wilson gave Cochrane a standing eight count.

Right back to the attack, Summerhays dropped his opponent twice more. The bout was halted at 2.42 of the round. Summerhays is a rugged well trained fighter, a good punch for a light heavy and has yet to be knocked off his feet during his 24-7-2 record.

As expected the Canadian lightweight championship fight between the champion, Johnny Summerhays (Brantford) 135, and his #1 contender, Barry Sponagle (New Glasgow) 134½, was a miniature war which went the scheduled twelve rounds. There were no knockdowns in the bout, from the first to final bell it was a fight with the fans rooting for the underdog.

Johnny Summerhays is a rough, tough, rugged fighter who asks no favors and gives none, as a pro fighter he is in there to win. Sponagle, the better boxer had a miserable night, he fought only as well as Summerhays would let him. At times the New Glasgow boxer was at the point of frustration when bulled to the ropes and tied up by the busy aggressive Summerhays. Sponagle, a fast snappy mover who punches well with both hands was never allowed to demonstrate some of the finer points of the Noble Art on Summerhays.

Round after round the two contestants battled it out, Sponagle suffered two slight cuts during the fray.

Guest referee, Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo, had a busy evening with the two young fighters. During the bout he warned Summerhays about six times for minor infractions of the rules none of which he considered serious enough to deduct points.

At the end of ten rounds it was a close fight and the fans were backing it up with vocal support. The final two rounds were fought at a sizzling pace, the harder Sponagle tried, Summerhays was there to meet him halfway.

The official decision a unanimous one if favor of Summerhays, was correct although the fans did not approve. It was a rough fight and difficult one to handle, a much closer fight than the official cards showed.

In the main event and third championship fight on the card, Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight champion, Clyde Gray (Toronto) at 146¼ turned in a polished performance and devastating display of precision and power punching to halt his challenger Marc Gervais (Hull. Que.) 146 at 1.44 of the fifth round. Gervais, a young 22 year old boxer has a good style, in the initial stanza he seemed content to counterpunch the champion who was moving well, combining snappy left hand leads and hooks presented no standing target for his opponent. The fans liked the action of the first round which was fought at a brisk pace. Midway through the second round, Gervais started to move in closer to Gray, he managed to get in some close shots but they did not pack the power of the champions short clean punches to the head and body. Warmed up for the job on hand, Gray demonstrated to the fans the form which rates him high in the world ratings in the 147 pound division. The speed, precision and power of his punching in rounds three and four had his game opponents head snapping back time and time again.

Gervais stood up well under constant bombardment and returned to his corner after the bell to end the fourth bleeding from the mouth and rubbery legged.

The end came at 1.44 of the fifth round when Gray connected with a devastating left hook to the chin. It was followed by a volley of punches the final one caused his opponent to reel and pirouette, collapse to his knees in the champion's corner. Referee Georgie Dunn halted the proceedings.

The win for Gray was his 50th. in 53 bouts, turning in a classic performance the 28 year old Gray has a burning desire to engage world champion Jose Napoles in a return match with the 147 pound title on the line. In a post fight interview with Marc Gervais the young Quebec boxer had nothing but praise for Gray as a fine champion. He also pointed out that although beaten, he had learned much while the bout lasted.

RIASCO BEATS MAROTTA, AMOROS OUTPOINTS PINTO

By JOSE ORTIZ

Panama City, Pan.—Featherweight Rigoberto Riasco, 127, won a 10 round decision over Nicaragua's Renan Marotta, 124. Former top ten bantamweight Orlando Amoros, 120, defeated Colombian Enrique Pinto, on a 8 round kayo.

The third 10 rounder of the night saw Nicaragua's Julio Hernandez upset local Marcos Britton, 122.

Felix Sune, 133, beat Reynaldo Ortega, 131, via TKO in 3; David Moran kayoed Antonio Walker in 3. They are flyweights.

▶Another card held in Panama City Colombian Alfonso Perez won his second bout in Panama when he kayoed Eusebio Pedroza in 3 rounds.

In a co-ten Jorge Miranda, 123, outpointed Norberto Reyes, 120. In the under-card Pedro Acosta, 135, stopped Victoriano Moya, 132, in 1. Jorge Bernal, 121, beat Jacinto Fuentes, 120, 4; Rafael Pedroza, 113, halted Luis Sotomayor, 113, 2 rounds.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

THAT was quite a bash staged by Ring #8. It was its 20th annual dinner, which was staged at the Carlyle in Brooklyn. The honorees were two of the better known personalities in boxing. First of all, their ex-president, former star of fistiana, the man who had soldiered with Joe Louis in the Aleutians and, after his ring career, became one of our outstanding referees — the name, Ruby Goldstein, known as the "Jewel of the Ghetto." Sharing the spotlight with him was the State Athletic Commission physician, Dr. Edwin C. Campbell.

Abe Berman did a fantastic job as chairman of the affair, aided by Mike Katz, Phil Rutha, President Al Reid, George Rugg and George Cohen. Rugg, as well as fight and wrestling judge Ray Kozac, did a splendid job with the journal.

What a dais! Besides Ruby and the Doc, who were flanked by Al Reid, Petey Scalzo, former featherweight king, Sammy Markowitz, Community Mayor leader, made up the master dais. Then there were former world light heavyweight king, Paul Berlenbach, recently inducted into The Ring's immortals of the past half century, two time bantam king, Lou Salica, Chairman Abe Berman, Phil Terranova, former feather champ, Sammy Venti, president of the World's Boxing Historians, Scoop Gallelo, president of the International, Charles Spena, President of Ring #14, Jersey City, Izzy Schwartz, former world flyweight headliner, Monsignor O'Brien of St. Malachy's Church, Solly Seeman, former Pacific Coast junior lightweight king, Dom Della Rocca and Nick Vertucci, who, like Markowitz, are members of the New York Community Mayor's Committee.

Incidentally, Arnold 'Ossie' Feldman, inspector for the State Athletic Commission, made the award to Dr. Campbell while Sam Markowitz made the presentation to Ruby Goldstein.

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The gang didn't overlook another member of the outfit, Petey Scalzo, former featherweight boss, who recently retired, after many years of service, with the State Athletic Commission, he being remembered on his departing for Miami where he and his wife Christina now reside in Apt. 207, St. Croix Gardens, 1595 N.E. 135th St., No. Miami, Fla. 33161. Awarding him a plaque was our chore.

Left to right — Abe Berman, Dr. Edwin Campbell, Ruby Goldstein and Sam Taub at The Ring #8 dinner.

Dan Dowd, a Deputy with the State Commission for many years prior to his retirement, passed away on Feb. 24. Before joining the State Athletic Commission staff, Mr. Dowd was connected with Thomas E. Dewey's office, when the latter was District Attorney, as Special Investigator. Dan was an ardent fight fan. It was only a year ago that Deputy Pat Callahan, also retired, died.

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Over at Jimmy Colotto's Embassy Hall boxing show in North Bergen, N.J., where we watched a hectic ten spot between Justin Ortiz and Dominick Monaco, we ran into Paul Cavalier, an old favorite, the man who succeeded Harry Ertle as New Jersey's #1 referee and former N.J. State heavyweight champion. Cavalier, who is 70 years old, is a product of Paterson, N.J., and won the state title by outpointing James J. Braddock, who later went on to become world's heavyweight champion when he defeated Max Baer in the Garden's Long Island Bowl. Cavalier told us he never performed in the amateurs and as a pro, from 1920 to 1936, engaged in 115 bouts. Began his refereeing in 1940 and quit in 1970, always working as a one man official under the New Jersey State law. Cavalier's manager was Mike Valentine, of Yonkers, who handled many outstanding pros. The Cavaliers, Paul and Florence, have one son, Paul, Jr., who is an attorney in Patterson and is the daddy of four boys. Paul Sr. retired two years ago as chief attendance officer with the Board of Education.

The grand old man of the Republican party, Johnny Crews, #1 man in the Borough of Brooklyn, who was known as one of the famous Collins twins, and who became a big figure in politics after quitting the ring, passed away at the age of 80. Johnny and his twin brother Bobby were quite handy with their dukes, Johnny himself having won 72 of his 74 pro bouts. Johnny had another brother, Harry, who engaged in a couple of bouts himself.

As for Johnny, who, with his wife Florence, lived all their lives in Brooklyn, had a wonderful career. Sammy Markowitz was close to him through the years as was Anthony Durso, and always speak of his achievements and the friends he made from the biggest office holders down.

Crews went far in his field. He served in the N.Y. Assembly in 1921 and 1922, and served as leader of several districts, from 1922 until his retirement. He worked as a deputy U.S. Marshal, was appointed City Tax Commissioner in 1929 and took over as GOP county leader in 1934, holding the office until his death.

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A belated 74th birthday party was thrown for Paul Berlenbach, former light heavyweight king, by his associates of Ring #21, of which he is founder and president. Only members of the ring, plus many of their better halves, were present. The affair, staged at Casa Bella, in Brooklyn, was fabulous. Tears came to the eyes of the veteran as he was given a plaque.

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When his career ended, Louis, who gave so much of himself to the public—through poor handling—was broke financially—and he wound up with tax problems that have haunted him to this very day—his government—for whom he did so much—never gave Joe anything more than a hard time—and an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army!!

Jimmy Heair, the confused Mississippian...is now residing in El Paso, Texas...hoping to "get his head together" and decide just where he goes from here...his retirement from the ring was short-lived—as the "finances were nil." Jimmy is back in action for Mickey "The Kid" Davies—the sharpest fight promoter and matchmaker on the beat!! Ancil Hoffman, the gent who piloted Max Baer when he was the king—is going at top speed in his 81st year on the West Coast...Has Bill Daly given up on his heavyweight socker Jose "King" Roman? When the Petronelli Brothers were training heavyweight John "Dino" Dennis out of Attleboro, Mass.—a fine young "white hope"...they had him winning and punching hard with either mitt—now Dennis is moving more—and consequently is not hitting with authority—he is not set to punch—but for a heavyweight, I would think that the punch is more important than the speed...what about it boys??? Get Dennis back where he belongs!! Former featherweight champ, Sandy Saddler, is just 138 pounds right now—only 12 pounds over his fighting weight of 30 years ago...is always in shape...but then look at his old foe, Willie Pep, he is now a "middleweight"—too much spaghetti!!

Mike Rossman, the New Jersey middleweight managed by his stepfather Jimmy DePiano, used his mother's maiden name—Rossman—his mom Cecilia doesn't mind it one bit—in fact she thinks he will be a champion someday...Congratulations to veteran cornerman from Philly, Ralph Lake and his wife Evelyn on their 27th wedding anniversary...Former heavyweight titleholder, Joe Frazier, never looked sharper than the other night, decked out in silver and gold rings and green suede boots—a real snappy dresser.

Terry Hinke is itching for work—says Dick Sadler isn't getting him enough, and the ex-Oregonian returned to Eugene, 15 miles from his birthplace of Elmira, and is boxing under promoter John Gabel, his manager before Sadler—"I just keep wondering if I'm going to be a tax write-off for Sadler, or a full-time fighter," Hinke said the other day...Sadler also has former champ, George Foreman. Even though Jerry Quarry is singing and making commercials for TV—he still figures to get "one more shot at the heavyweight title" and is keeping in shape ready to take a fight at a moment's notice...The top trainer in the business today is Angelo Dundee—Angie travels far and wide to be with a fighter—and I can't help but admire his charming wife Helen—who never says a word—and sometimes accompanies him on his jaunts—their handsome daughter Terri was chosen "queen" of North Miami Beach high school...quite an honor indeed...now it is nephew Mike Dundee (son of Angie's brother—fight promoter Chris)—who is making his niche in the boxing business with his fine junior middleweight socker, Elisha Obed. Yes, it was my daughter Donna Sauer who appeared on Channel 7—TV in Boston, winning big on the bowling circuit...she's 20 yeard old...and takes after her father!! A lot of the boxing gentry are comparing the Chairman of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, Manny Aronis with the late commissioner of baseball—Judge Kennesaw Landis—he watches over the shows in the Bay State—with an experienced eye—does a tremendous job...never misses a boxing show...and knows the business. George Foreman—in an effort to prove his loss to Ali in Zaire was a fluke, is offering to box five heavyweights...all the same night...sort of like a carnival...and will pay anyone of them $3,000 a piece...if they last three rounds with him...He had better be careful whom he selects for "opponents"...Foreman was "conned" out of his title by Ali—now maybe these guys will "con" him out of his money...

After many years in the fight game, my old California buddy, Babe Griffin is disillusioned—the long-time Northern California manager and promoter suffered his second setback recently when Joe Guevera went over to the other side, to fight for rival impressario Joe Gagliardi—this followed by three months the defection of Ray Lunny III to the San Jose promoter...and both Lunny and Guevera are unbeaten and are considered among the top prospects for future championship honors...this hurts!! It has been a long time since I last heard from Baron Von Stumme—the aging but competent manager, who handles the ring destinies of light heavyweight clown, Ray "Windmill" White—the Baron is now in his eighties, but never misses a boxing show—and still is looking for a world champion...Rudy Robles picked up $5,000 instead of the original $2,500 he was promised for his bout with Australia's Tony Mundine in Brisbane...Rudy always gives a good account of himself—and will travel anywhere to fight—Duane Bobick will make his move (and old Navy expression)—now that he is under the capable management of former champ, Joe Frazier and trainer Eddie Futch...Frazier figures he can make him a world champion...we shall see...Ring Correspondent Hank Kaplan is the new president of the Veteran Boxers Association in Miami, Florida.

That 17-year-old boxer Tony Girginoff, a featherweight who has displayed his fistic wares in New England rings, has quite a background...born in Belgium, he speaks four languages fluently and has won a $2,000 academic scholarship to Boston University!! You've got to hand it to British heavyweight Dave Roden, out of Birmingham, England...he has initiative and ambition...the good looking lad plans to revive boxing in the small clubs in England...by fighting himself, also intends to act as a promoter-manager and matchmaker on the side for others interested in appearing for action...Al Bachman, N.Y.C. fight manager, is real high on Irish Christy Elliott, who is managed by Carl Duva, a union head in New Jersey...John Apel has a nice setup at Indianapolis—with three popular main event boxers to work with—Marvin Johnson, Norman Goins, and the very exciting Sammy Nesmith—a line-up which is tough to beat...Veteran fight manager Lou Viscusi has not worked a corner since he seconded Del Flanagan against Sandy Saddler in Detroit, in 1950—but recently, Lou has been "in the corner" with his middleweight prospect, Tony Licata, and is still hoping to "close" for a shot with the king, Carlos Monzon, in an American ring this summer—preferably for Heard Ragas in New Orleans, La. If closed, this fight would sell out that city where Licata is considered the "king" already!!

Max Marek who beat Joe Louis when they were amateurs in Chicago years ago, operates a Chicago antique shop and is doing quite well—he still talks about his "biggest win ever"...Tony Cravalho, manager of Oakland light-heavyweight Irish Terry Lee, epistles that Lee is set for a series of matches in European rings this summer...we wish him the very best—Lee is a journeyman campaigner—and always in good shape...Former featherweight king Petey Scalzo will retire and move to Miami—after 16 years doing a top job as chief boxing inspector in New York—World welterweight king, Jose Napoles has invested a large sum of money in a Caracas, Venezuela race track and his advisor is Alejandre Merga, a Mexican businessman and investment counselor...Willie Ketchum's heavyweight Pedro Lovell, who seems to be prone to injury—always has to cancel out at the last minute, can kick a soccer ball 80 yards—even 100 yards with the wind—so maybe, if Pedro doesn't make it to the heavyweight throne room, he can catch on with some N.F.L. team and make it in pro football in the good old U.S.A...Lou Porreco, Erie, Pa., manager of Lou Bizzaro who has notched 16 wins in a row, owns Porreco Motors in Erie and is looking to add to his stable of boxers—sort of like North Easton, Mass., auto tycoon, Paul Mitrano, who also has good biffers and has been in boxing for over 40 years.

Joe Herman, back at his gym in San Francisco, (the Newman-Herman Gym) after a long absence, training and teaching Attorney Leo Fried's heavyweight dreadnaught, Larry Frazier...Top gal promoter Aileen Eaton in Los Angeles, has been in the boxing business for 32 years and 64 championship fights (regional and so forth)...and still going strong at her stand at the Olympic in L.A.—her most exciting time she reluctantly related to this scribe, was preparing with her late husband Cal, for the first Coliseum title show, a doubleheader involving Carlos Ortiz vs. Battling Torres and Joe Becerra against Alphonse Halimi—it set an all-time California gate record of $371,270...but it came perilously close to cancellation on the day of the show—it rained that whole day—the phone in her office was ringing madly at the Olympic—"Is the show on?"...suddenly it stopped raining—just like that—and Aileen went right ahead with the action—sooooo—anyone who can make the sun shine—as Aileen Eaton did the day of her biggest boxing show—can handle anything in this business—and she certainly has—in her 32 years in the business!!! See you next month—keep punching!!

DRAYTON BEATS GEORGE IN 15 ROUNDS AT TRINIDAD ●

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Port of Spain Trinidad, W. I.—From the outset Lloyd "Shadow" George, 129, was the aggressor, stalking lanky Michael Drayton, 132, who was on his skaters most of the rounds. Drayton pushing out a left hand jab that missed badly on many occasions. Drayton got George with a combination in the 7th round that shook up the shadow, had him holding on and being saved by the bell.

The advancing shadow came out in the 8th round attacking his man, slipping his jabs and countering with left hooks and uppercuts when ever he corners Drayton.

George was warned for using his head and shoulder, why referee George Cumberbatch stifled infighting when ever the opportunity came.

In the 13th and 14th, Drayton had the better of the first halves of the two rounds, but George came back to outpunch Drayton. In the 15th and final round George came on strong to have a tired Drayton holding on.

It was a closed thing in favour of Drayton, to a sellout gate.

8 Rounder Semi Final

►Clyde Neptune, 158, recorded his 6th straight win when he TKO'd Winston "Dumpling" Granger, 150, in 2 minutes, 42 seconds of the 4th rounds.

8 Rounder

►Cleve Nicholls, 128, beat Clyde Wilson, 123, on points, unanimous.

6 Rounder

►Michael Baptiste, 144, outpointed Lester Miller, 143, unanimous.

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ASHLOCK COLLECTS STABLE OF YOUNG TITLE THREATS

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he wins it. I had Fourie down and busted him up, but they had to steal it because he was getting ready to go against Foster. Next time, with neutral officials, I can't help but win."

Meanwhile, Quarry is trying to stay busy, looking for fights against any top men, including Jorge Ahumada, Len Hutchins, Yaqui Lopez, or Karl Klein, as well as return matches with any of his previous conquerors.

"I'm ready right now," says Quarry. "My health is excellent, my mental outlook is great. I'm happily married, have a fine manager, and I'm fighting often and I'm fighting well. I've got one of the best records in my division, and I can draw more money than anybody else. I'll be champion if I get the chance, so bring 'em all on."

While the 23-year-old Quarry is seeking his second title opportunity, middleweight Irish Gene Wells, 31, is getting a new lease on life under Ashlock's direction, and hopes to get his first crack at the championship within the next 12 months.

Wells was just hanging around his native Mobile, Alabama, a year ago, playing pool and doing some part-time welding and having a good time, but his fistic career was at a standstill. Pete signed up the youthful veteran, moved him and his family to Orlando, and suddenly it's a new ballgame. As this was written, Wells had gone to the post 13 times during the past 10 months, making him the most active 160-pounder in the world. He had won 12 of those starts under Ashlock, the only defeat being a narrow split duke to top ranked Tony Licata.

Wells is currently working an eight-bout winning streak, with recent victims including Mexican champion Manuel Elizondo and highly touted Marcel Clay.

Irish Gene has often been confused with the black middleweight of the same name, who is managed by Angelo Dundee and fights out of Miami Beach. However, Ashlock's Gene Wells is three-quarters Irish, and one-quarter Creek Indian. Wells boasts an outstanding 34-4-3 record, with 14 knockouts, certainly one of the finest marks in his class.

The latest rage in the lightweight ranks is undefeated Maurice (Termite) Watkins, the Houston sensation who won the National Golden Gloves at 16 (youngest ever to do that), and now has 13 straight pro wins. The Termite, born in 1956, turned pro on May 21, 1974, after compiling a 112-10-1 amateur record.

Now 18 years old, Termite is already boxing 10-rounders, and is sought after by promoters from coast to coast.

Termite's youthful good looks have earned him the tag of "Donny Osmond in boxing gloves," and he has been an instant box office smash in Orlando, Houston, Corpus Christi, San Francisco, and San Jose. He has his sights set on a world title match before he is 21.

Heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux, 22, is another unbeaten Ashlock protegee. When he whipped tough Cookie Wallace for the Texas crown at Dallas, Boudreaux ran his record to 15-0-1. Johnny has already beaten Scrapiron Johnson, Terry Daniels, and Oliver Wright, and is aiming for 1975 bouts with men like Joe Bugner, Jerry Quarry, and Ron Lyle.

Boudreaux fights and looks amazingly like Muhammad Ali, but the modest Texan dispels any comparisons with a wave of the hand. "Actually," says Johnny, "I'm just a little better than Ali, at this point in my career."

While Mike Quarry, Boudreaux, and Termite Watkins all loom as potential top stars, Ashlock is also high on several other talented young punchers in his camp. The entire stable, no matter where they maintain permanent homes, are based in Orlando and train at Pete's beautiful Sports Stadium Gym, on the east side of town.

Lightweight Lorenzo (Boom Boom) Trujillo, the Texas lightweight king, boasts a stellar 32-6-3 record, which includes a non-title win last year over world bantamweight champion Arnold Taylor at Port Elizabeth, South Africa. "I had to go down to featherweight that fight," recalls Boom Boom, "but I was weak. There's no way I'll fight under 130 pounds from now on." The exciting Trujillo, who unfortunately has an aversion to serious training, still looms as a possible title threat.

Frank (Smokey) Young, the Texas welterweight champ by virtue of his rousing victory over Roy Barrientes, is probably the most crowd-pleasing 147-pounder around. A Joe Frazier-lookalike, the aggressive Young at 5'6" concedes several inches in height to most opponents, but makes up for the handicap with his whirlwind attack and nonstop offensive, which has resulted in a 26-6 record. At 26, the enterprising Young owns several long-distance trucking rigs, and has plenty of mileage ahead of him, both in the ring and on the road.

A good looking heavyweight prospect is Jody Ballard, whose 12-2 mark includes losses to highly rated Henry Clark, and unbeaten Young Sanford. But those who have seen Ballard in action at Houston, Mobile, San Jose, Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Dallas, and Las Vegas, all agree he has a bright future.

Recently signed by Ashlock was former heavyweight contender Mac Foster. Big Mac is 29-5, with all victories via the kayo route.

Junior middleweight Victor (Taco) Perez of Sanford, Fla., moved down to Orlando and signed with Ashlock last year. Perez, a drafting engineer of Mexican parentage, although he was born in Tampa, has since come on to win 10 of his last 11, after a very mediocre early record, when he trained and managed himself. The Taco Kid is one of Orlando's most popular ring men.

Light heavyweight Hildo Silva of California, who has a 26-5-3 record, recently joined the fold, as have a number of other outstanding prospects from flyweight to heavyweight throughout the south.

Not only does the ever-growing Ashlock stable have quantity, but its quality is almost unequaled anywhere. "I think my boys have the best potential of any group of fighters in the world," Ashlock says firmly.

NORTON BLUDGEONS QUARRY OUT OF RING CAREER WITH TKO IN FIFTH ROUND-BREVITY

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self out and I knew he was spent."

Ken Norton's future is very bright. He would like a rubber match against Muhammad Ali. If he can't get this, there is always Joe Frazier, Joe Bugner or Ron Lyle. Then there is always his new career, that of a movie actor.

A crowd of some 12,000 enjoyed some real good action earlier: Pedro Soto, 186, Puerto Rico, kayoed Ned Edwards, 186, N.Y.C. 1; Ron Gibbons, 147, halted John Davis, 147, at 2:31 of the 6th, both from New York; Omar Piton, Argentina, 148, won a majority decision over Tyrone Phelps, Brooklyn, N.Y., 5, and Felix Perez, 144, Puerto Rico, defeated Marco Larios, Belize, in 4.

Above contest was the first part of a closed-circuit double-header. The Ali-Wepner bout was the main event. Both bouts were run by Video Techniques and Don King.

WORLD RATINGS

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the close battle for the Fighter of the Month citation. In line for special mention are:

Ken Norton, for driving Jerry Quarry into retirement.

Alfonso Zamora, for taking the bantam title from Hong.

Luis Acosta for driving Angel Espada out of welter contention.

Ramon Mendez for demoting middleweight contender Tony Licata, hitherto No. 2 behind Rodrigo Valdez.

Alex Arguello for beating Lionel Hernandez as a feather contender.

John Conteh for whipping Lon Bennett.

Bobby Chacon for destroying Jesus Estrada as a feather menace, in two rounds.

Roberto Duran, lightweight champion, for stopping Ray Lampkin, top lightweight contender.

To this list may be added Ben Villaflor, junior lightweight champion, flyweight Miguel Canto.

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CASSIDY, SEELEY, L.I. ARENA COMEBACK

By CHARLES D. BROWN

The Long Island Arena, spacious but minus boxing since November of 1968; tried again with a 6-bout card highlighting Long Island's only two contenders for world honors — featherweight Walter Seeley and light heavy Irish Bobby Cassidy.

Both these men staged successful returns to the fistic life, and so did the arena. A considerable crowd of some 3200 people turned up, and the promoter was encouraged enough to announce that another card will be held next month. The crowd can be attributed to the two "name" fighters who headed the card.

Perennial light heavy contender Cassidy, 178, finished off John Gerowski, 181, of Allentown, Pa. quickly. Gerowski was in over his head. He won the first round but received a cut on the left eye. With a sadistic smile on his countenance, Cassidy concentrated his fire on that eye, mixing in an occasional body punch. By the end of the third, one side of Gerowski's face resembled a ketchup commercial and referee Arthur Mercante refused Gerowski admittance into the fourth round. It was Cassidy's first effort since being embalmed by Jorge Ahumada last year; on the second Ali-Frazier undercard.

Irish Walter Seeley, top class feather making a comeback after a layoff due to a car smashup, captured a 10-round unanimous nod from Pajarito Nieves of Puerto Rico, whom he had beaten previously. Seeley was rusty at the start, but came on strong; sweeping the last three rounds. The ninth had the most fireworks, Nieves being rocked real good at the start of the heat and suffering a glove-tip knockdown at its close. I had Seeley ahead 6-2-2. A large ringside contingent chanted Seeley's name throughout the fight.

The preliminaries were marred slightly by some very bad decisions. To start with, the judges saw John Capobianco, 165, Long Island, the unanimous decision winner over Barry Hill, Brooklyn, 165. The crowd was pro-Capobianco but the verdict got a decidedly mixed reception. Capobianco lost favor with sections of the crowd because of his habit of crooking his arm around Hill's head and applying a "nutcracker" squeeze. It was a sixer.

Even worse was the eight-round semifinal between two Long Island light heavies, Ned Edwards (176) and Ray Elson (176). Edwards, sporting a Bennie Briscoe-type shaved head, battled both sagging trunks and myopic officials. He had Elson down in the fifth and perhaps again after that, though the second one was called a slip. Edwards deserved no worse than a draw, but the officials gave Elson the split decision. If anybody agreed with the officials, they could not be heard over the chorus of boos that greeted this one.

Pat Barry (154) of Long Island, who entered the ring wearing a green golf cap, got a unanimous six round win over Calos Espada, Puerto Rico (161). Espada was bald and paunchy and hardly looked like a fighter, but he could take it and he provided some small problems for Barry. Espada was knocked out of the ring in the third. Referee Charley Norkus helped him back into the action.

In the curtain-raiser, scheduled for four, pro debuter Wayne Kelly, 172, crowded late sub John Presley into the ropes and landed two punches to the head. Exit Presley at 1:14 of the first round. Presley, 165, was out for close to two minutes before being revived.

Boxing has made a successful return to Long Island's Suffolk County.

ANDERSON KEEPS UNBEATEN RECORD VS. CRAWFORD

By JIM BRADY

Chicago, Ill. — George Anderson, 139, St. Paul, Mi. preserved his unbeaten record (6-0-1) by battering Bobby Crawford, 145, Chicago, Ill. into submission in 2 rounds.

In the first frame, Crawford, a heavy underdog, shocked the crowd at Kennedy-King College by flooring Adnerson with a hard right hand. Quickly regaining his feet, Anderson launched a furious offensive, and barrages of lefts and rights had the Chicagoan badly dazed and on the verge of a knockout at the bell.

Wearily rising from his stool, as the bell rang sounding round 2, Crawford could offer only token resistance. After being bludgeoned to the canvas twice by Anderson's hammer-like blows, the carnage was wisely halted.

Ray "Ringo" Carrington, 130, Cleveland, won a hard fought split decision over Tom Tarantino, 136, Milwaukee, Wis., 8. Carrington thus duplicated a result he had previously achieved in 1972.

• • Jerry Strickland, 135, Cincinatti, Ohio, stopped Manuel Torres, 136½, Mexico City, Mexico, in 6 free swinging rounds.

Bobby Emerson, 124, Cincinatti, outsped Tito Santiago, 126, Milwaukee, 4.

Comebacking Eddie Murray, 136, Chicago, outpointed Ron Pettigrew, 135, Cleveland, in 4. Murray engaging in his first fight since Aug. of '73 exhibited much of the form that made him a 1969 National Golden Glove Champion.

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GEORGE PARNASSUS KEPT HIS WORD EVADED NO RISK

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Olympus, where — if one existed for fight promoters — he'd surely reside. There are few things in this sport that have become institutions — Madison Square Garden is one, this publication — through its late publisher, Nat Fleischer, another, perhaps Jack Dempsey and Dewey Fragetta two more — and this man, most assuredly. You could go anywhere in the world — Korakuen Hall in Tokyo, Rand Stadium in Johannesburg, Wembley in London or The Forum in Inglewood and mention the name and people would nod their heads in familiarity and respect. In boxing he was a giant — a superman. Thus, when George Parnassus died last March at 78 he left a void that can never be filled. He was an epochal individual in this world of boxing. For his personal and public accomplishments he was a unique figure aglow upon the pastiche of humanity. That ebullient flame died out and our sport is suddenly dark, only the ember of memory burns on to light the way.

George Parnassus was born in Methone, Greece, in April of 1896. He left his homeland in 1916 when a brother wrote to tell him that he'd found success in the land of plenty — America.

Parnassus packed up and left, following a stint in the Grecian army, where he fought as a 16-year-old in the Balkan War. When George arrived in Los Angeles he didn't find the streets paved with gold — though he did discover Alexandria — only it was a hotel, where his brother toiled as a dishwasher, living on the dream of someday owning his own restaurant. There was nothing much for the young Greek immigrant to do but sigh a little, cry a little and roll up his sleeves and grab a dish. "I worked 28 days on this job — for a dollar a day," he'd recall in later, more luxuriant times.

He and his brother saved what they could and read an ad for the sale of a restaurant in Phoenix, Arizona. They packed up their bags and left for the Southwest in hot pursuit of a Horatio Alger destiny. The eatery was located across the street from a fight gym and it is part of legend how the "hungry" fighters from across the way began running up tabs at the restaurant. They grew so deeply in debt that Parnassus wound up managing them as settlement for their unpaid meal tickets.

In 1924 he was married twice: first to the former Rosalia de Oca, a granddaughter of a former Mexican president and to boxing — fifty years later he was still enbondaged to both.

Prematurely grey, he had an expression that looked like he was nursing a permanent case of dyspepsia, he was early referred to by his boxers as "Papa," not merely for his stately looks but also his paternal attitude. In the beginning he gained reknown as the manager of Ceferino Garcia, the Filipino world middleweight champion with the bolo punch. But most of all George Parnassus was noted for his ties with Latin America. George Parnassus *was* Mexican boxing.

Down and nearly out in 1941, he dipped his laddle down into that great bebida of Mexican prize-fighting and came up with Juan Zurita, who won the lightweight crown from Sammy Angott in 1943.

A few years later it was Enrique Bolanos, his pride and joy, who failed to win the title — but never the fans — in his tenure as lightweight contender. He went back to the trough in the early fifties, this time emerging with Raton Macias, the former N.B.A. bantamweight titleholder. His final discovery was Jose Beccera, whom he managed towards the bantamweight tiara before making the transition from managing to matchmaking-promoting in the late fifties.

It was his vision and genius that singlehandedly pulled the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles out of financial ruin and vaulted it to the forefront of world boxing promotion. In 1957 he joined the staff as its matchmaker — in collaboration with the late Cal Eaton, and later his wife Aileen, and quickly secured a world bantamweight title match between Alphonse Halimi and Raton Macias, that established a new California box-office record of $209,331. Other title fights soon followed — but it was three promotions in particular over the next few years that helped him to restructure the face of boxing forever and became epochal events in the history of the game.

In 1958 promoter Bill Rosensohn aroused 'the Greek's,' as he became known world-wide, ire when he announced plans to stage the first heavyweight title bout in Los Angeles in over twenty years, between Floyd Patterson and undefeated Roy Harris — it would have been all well and good save for the fact Parnassus had used all his wiles to pull Carmen Basilio away from the then omnipotent International Boxing Club for a match with local drawing card Art "Golden Boy" Aragon.

Finally Parnassus reconciled himself to the fact that the both bouts would go on and, more out of whim than common sense, he publicized the fact that he'd bet Rosensohn $5,000 that his show would outpull the Patterson card at the live gate. "Hell," George said years later, "I'd have given away tickets at the door to make sure we'd outdraw their card." As it turned out he didn't have to — the bout grossed $236,521 — outdistancing the heavyweight card by a mile, setting still another California box-office record and adding $5,000 of Rosensohn's to Parnassus' favorite charity. George Parnassus knew his town and his fighters and he was certain good matches — at any weight — would draw big money.

In 1960 boxing was in a state of flux in the United States. The love affair between the general public and the fight game was growing thin. There was a glut of televised boxing on the home screen and the live gates were hurting. Patterson and Johannson dominated the headlines and no one was sure that the rest of the divisions meant anything at all in this country — George Parnassus proved them wrong once again.

He took a bantamweight title bout between Alphonse Halimi and Jose Beccera and, of all things, a junior welterweight championship between Carlos Ortiz and Battling Torres, rented the Coliseum in LA, till then reserved for football games, and opened up the gates. The 'boys' back East with the TV contracts and big cigars laughed and George Parnassus set a California gate record that lasted over a decade — $383,080.

The miracle man had done it again. Parnassus lost a bankroll that night to a pickpocket while en route to the arena — but he came home with the reputation as the greatest promoter in the world.

In 1963 a deluge engulfed his biggest promotion — three world title matches in one night — and tragedy — the death of Davey Moore at the hands of Sugar Ramos — ended it on a sad note — yet he still managed to pull in $269,452 at the box-office.

By this time Los Angeles wasn't big enough to encompass all of Parnassus vision — he moved on — like Napoleon and Caesar — to conquer the world. Unlike them he *was* successful. He developed the bantamweight great Eder Jofre, Fighting Harada, feather champ Vincente Saldivar and innumerable others into top line drawing cards and world titleholders. He covered the globe — Wales, Mexico, Japan, Thailand, Argentina, Italy, England — building boxing and a legacy wherever he elected to alight.

In 1966 he moved into the retirement phase of his career — though dabbling now and then in certain title bouts. When Jack Kent Cooke opened his new arena in Inglewood, California, it was up to Parnassus to put it on the face of the boxing map.

The King returned in triumph. He kicked off with a $96,000 gate that featured the likes of Chucho Castillo and Jose Napoles. A month later a bantamweight spectacular — with the American debut of Lionel Rose and Ruben Olivares — drew $122,000 while a $193,000 gate resulted in a bantamweight championship battle between Rose and Castillo. Parnassus was back again, confirming the legend.

What Bolanos, Zurita and Salas had been in the forties, Macias, Beccera and Torres in the fifties — Olivares and Napoles had become for him in the sixties and seventies. Every gate grew bigger and bigger — Napoles-Cokes $192,765. . .Olivares-Rose $265,095, Napoles-Lopez $244,000. His biggest promotions, however, revolved around three bantamweight championship matches between Ruben Olivares and Chucho Castillo which combined for a total

gross of over $1,000,000. Parnassus was the first man to pay the small men astronomical salaries and utilize closed-circuit television for bouts below the heavyweight limit. He paid Curtis Cokes $80,000 to meet Jose Napoles and skeptics scoffed — then he turned an $80,000 profit. He doled out $100,000 to Lionel Rose to meet Ruben Olivares and grossed three times that amount. . .

In 1971 he staged a championship double-header between Jose Napoles and Hedgemon Lewis and Ruben Olivares and Jesus Pimental. When asked why he ran the unnecessary risk of staging two world title bouts on the same night, when he was virtually assured a sellout with either one he replied, "The thing is not to be the richest promoter in the world but to be the best." That he surely was.

In more recent years he gave up active promotion, though retaining an advisor's role with the Forum, and became a much travelled Olympian oracle, descending from his sublime heights to offer advice and consultation to those in need of it.

One can never forget the day in Syracuse after Jose Napoles had lost his welterweight crown, in a remarkable upset, to Billy Backus. The promoters were broken by the show and had no money to pay off Napoles. Parnassus went to the bank and withdrew $45,000 of his own cash and threw it on the sobbing Cuban's bed in a paper bag. "Here's your money," he said, "In six months you'll have your title back."

Parnassus went through trying times to arrange the Backus rematch for California, despite the fact he had a contract assuring the bout. In the end he had to pay $30,000 more than the contract called for — but he did, and Napolee regained his title.

Why did he suffer such abuse to get the fight when others would have thrown it in? "Because," he said simply and directly, "I am a man and I gave my word."

A man of his word — that was the rule he lived by.

In later years he was responsible for arranging the Monzon-Napoles middleweight title match, Taylor-Anaya bantamweight fight and was busily working on a half-dozen more fights when he left us suddenly for his final rendezvous.

In later times Parnassus was becoming sad and disillusioned with a game that he had known to exist by a bond of honor and a handshake. The Madison Avenue ad men had taken over with their endless contractual clauses. A dispute over an Anaya-Taylor rematch failed to be resolved because George had given his word to promoter Dave Levin and he wouldn't go back on it. Honor and pride and being a man was what mattered to George Parnassus, more than any bottom line.

His best friend Suey Welch died last year and a bit of him died as well. "I used to be so sick that they had to carry me up and down the stairs at the Olympic Auditorium to get me to and from work," he recalled, "one day I heard a gang of guys making book on how long I'd last — 'Hell I'll outlive all you bastards' — I shouted" — he did — and he always will.

Tex Rickard took boxing out of the backroom and established the million dollar gate, Mike Jacobs made it a weekly sport and opened up the televised era, George Parnassus' vision encompassed the world, established the smaller men as top line attractions and proved that spectaculars were not out of vogue.

In November of 1972 they honored George Parnassus at the Forum. They gave him a plaque and made a little speech. But the real honor was the $222,000 gate drawn by four bantamweights — each of whom had been a world champ — Olivares, Herrera, Pinder and Castillo — who boxed on the card. They were all legitimate champs — undisputed and uncontested by some political war. It was the last time we have had such titleholders and it seemed fitting that they came at the end of the Parnassusian era, one that preached the best was the best and honor was honor.

At the funeral Tony Hernandez, the Mexican boxing writer, said simply, "No more like Parnassus, no — no more." That is true, quite true. George Parnassus' favorite expression of affection was to call someone a "pistol" — he wasn't merely a pistol, rather a twenty-one gun salute. Father, friend, husband and the greatest promoter of our time, he combined all to make that rarest of rare commodities, for George Parnassus was all of these and more. George Parnassus was a great man. And I loved him.

PITALUA PUTS SANTOS AWAY IN FIVE HEATS

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V. LAGOVEN

Bogota—Alfredo Pitalua, 122.3, Cartagena, TKO'ed Olimpo Santos, 124.7, Corozal, in 5. Pitalua floored Santos in the end round.

▲Carlos Obregon, 146, Colombia, TKO'ed Felipe Cariaco, 144.7, Venezuela, in 7.

▲Alvaro Lopez, 111, Bogota, won a split decision over Ricardo Estupinan, 110, Buenaventura, in twelve rounds. Lopez gained the Colombian vacant flyweight title.

▲Hugo Barraza, 134.2, Colombia, beat Jose Isaac Marin, 134.2, Costa Rica, in ten.

▲Nestor "Baba" Jimenez, 118, knocked out Jorge Madrigal, Costa Rica, in the first.

▲**Cartagena**—Francisco "Yata" Durango, 133, Colombia, embaimed Enrique "Mamadedos" Alonso, 135, Panama, in two.

▲Carlos Arturo Osorio, Cartagena, decisioned Jaime Amaya, Barranquilla, in ten. Bantams.

▲Carlos Rebollo, flyweight, KO'ed Manuel San-juan, in 4 (1:22)

▲Guillermo Gomez KO'ed Lorenzo Torres, in 8. Feathers.

▲In another card, Cesar Rebollo, Cartagena, KO'ed Orlando Maestre, Barranquilla, in 4 (2:26) Bantams.

▲Pedro Acosta debuted and stopped Alfredo Junco in two (2:44). Welter

▲Jacinto Herrera, Colombia, decisioned Alirio Acuna, Venezuela, in ten. Feathers.

▲Guillermo Gomez, Cartagena, KO'ed Orlando Gastelbondo, Barranquilla, in the first round (2:09). Feathers.

▲Miguel Betruz, Colombian lightweights champion, TKO'ed Gustavo Farina, Nicaragua, in 6 (1:22)

▲Henry Diaz KO'ed Manuel Mercado, in 4. Flyweights.

▲Alfredo Pitalu decisioned Wilfrido Castro in 10. Feathers.

▲Jose Vasquez, Colombia, scored a 10-round decision over Jose Isaac Marin, Costa Rica. Lightweights.

▲Carlos Arturo Osorio, Cartagena, decisioned the Colombian fly champion, Alvaro Lopez, in the (Not Title bout).

▲Hugo Barraza, Colombia, KO'ed Julio Castillo, Guatemala, after 2:20 of the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Cartagena's Bull Ring.

RANDY NEUMANN MAKES IT LOOK EASY

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Milwaukee, Wisc.—Randy Neumann, 200, Cliffside Park, N.J. made it look easy as he stopped Larry "Tiny" Beilfuss, 246, Milwaukee in the fifth round, flooring Beilfuss three times enroute.

The fight was just 30 seconds old when a Neumann left hook dropped Beilfuss, and from then on Neumann was in command until the end. In the second round Randy floored Beilfuss twice.

Neumann made the nose of Beilfuss his prime target and it bled for most of the fight. Neumann employed a hard left hook and right jabs as his chief weapons.

In the fifth round Neumann scored to the face of Beilfuss until referee Milt Rickum stopped the mismatch at 2:08 of the fifth round.

The show was held at the Auditorium before a small turnout estimated at 500.

Billy Goodwin, Milwaukee (8-12-2) stopped Emmett Atlas of Bastrop, La. at 2:35 of the third round of a welterweight bout.

Bobby Orr of Chicago (1-3-0) stopped James Wallace of Bossier City, La. in the sixth round. Welters.

Robert Yarbrough of Chicago stopped Bill Martin of Milwaukee (0-2-0) in the fourth round of a heavyweight bout.

Fred Harris, Bossier City, La. decisioned Tom Tarantino of Milwaukee (6-8-2) in four rounds. Jr. welterweights.

▲**New Orleans** —. Mike Morgan, Richfield, Minn. middleweight and Manuel Torres of Houston, Texas fought to an eight round draw.

▲**Marseille, France** — Mike Morgan ran into a toughie in this French city when he was stopped by Jean Mateo of France and Stockton, California in the fourth round when his handless threw in the towel. The draw and loss leaves Morgan's pro record at 15-4-3.

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▲**Orlando, Fla.** — The unbeaten skein of Richfield's Glenn Morgan, 162, came to an end at the hands of Ernie Burns, 160, Miami, when Burns stopped Morgan in the sixth. Morgan, who's record is now 13-1-0, received a badly cut eye.

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▲**Columbus, Ohio** — Feb. 15—Hard punching Billy Douglas of Columbus knocked out veteran Milwaukee light heavyweight Karl Zurheide in the third round.

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▲Joey Sangor was re-elected commissioner of the Wisconsin State Athletic Board. Roy Hill was elected vice chairman, while Vern Woodward continues as Secretary of the board.

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▲According to manager Henry Grooms, light heavyweight contender Len Hutchins will move his base of operations from Detroit to Milwaukee. With limited action in the Detroit area Grooms figures Milwaukee offers more for Hutchins.

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▲**Miami Beach, Fla.** — Rodney Bobick, 227½, Bowlus, Minn. lost a unanimous ten round decision to Jodie Ballard, 202. There were no knockdowns in the fight but Bobick did sustain face cuts.

▲**Minneapolis, Minn.** — The 45th annual Upper Midwest Golden Glove tournament was held at the Auditorium to determine area champions to compete in the National tournament. The three day event drew 5,000 fans. Following are the champions. Heavyweight, Pete Holm, St. Paul-178, Bill Swanson, Rochester-165, Dan Johnson, Minneapolis-156, Claude Kleiman, Minneapolis-147, Tim Perrault, Hibbing-139, Joey Kretzman, Wadena-132, Frank Cogswell, Rochester-125, Bruce Galley, Rochester-118, Gilbert Mitchell, Minneapolis-112, Craig Nelson, Rochester-106, and Pat Hanley.

▲**St. Paul, Minn.** — The unbeaten streak of Minneapolis heavyweight Scott LeDoux came to an end at the hands of Roy "Cookie" Wallace, 205, Dallas at the Armory when the fight was stopped at 1:45 of the second round due to a badly cut eye suffered by LeDoux, 217.

From the opening bell both fighters threw out the rule book and engaged in a pier six brawl. Both fighters exchanged solid, lusty punches through the short match. There were no knockdowns but Wallace was wrestled to the canvas in the first round. A crowd of around 1,500 were on hand to view the show.

In the eight round semi-final George Anderson, 141, St. Paul upped his record to 8-0-1 with a split decision over clever Tony Johnson, 138, Columbus, O. (2-1-2). Anderson boxed well to earn a tough verdict even though he was down in the last round.

Tom Van Hoof of Winona, Minn. (14-3-0) won a six round decision over Joe Batton of Milwaukee (5-6-2) in a heavyweight match.

Clem Tucker of St. Paul (2-1-1) stopped Chuck Morgan of Cleveland, O. in the third round of a middleweight encounter.

READ THE RING

WEPNER'S GAMENESS DOMINANT FACTOR AS HE ALMOST GOES LIMIT WITH STILL GREAT ALI

(Continued from page 9)

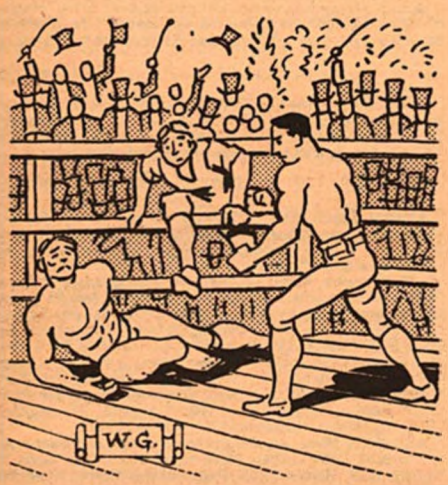
Of one thing we may be sure: that whenever and wherever Muhammad fights, he will bring with him a showmanship that has never before been present in boxing.

For example, even when the show is all over Ali continues, such as putting on the act immediately after the Foreman fight that he was collapsing and again after the Wepner fandango he dropped to a knee then to his back on the canvas as if he had collapsed.

Questioned later, he admitted that it was partially an act although he had been tired. Ali draws interesting people from different walks of life who enjoy being part of the act. And he always uses everything that comes along to maximum advantage for Ali.

When I presented Ali his Ring championship belt prior to the fight, he walked over to Wepner, pointed to the belt, and said: "I know you want to take this away from me, but you ain't!"

Unless Ali decides to quit, it is going to take a lot of guy to separate Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) from his self appointed position as the guardian of the heavyweight title.



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MATTIOLI AND MUNDINE LOSERS DOWN UNDER

By RAY MITCHELL

Australian and Australasian welterweight champion Rocky Mattioli lost his latter title (for contest between Australia and New Zealand) when a cut eye took him out of the fight with Ali Afakasi in the 12th round at Melbourne Festival Hall.

But there is more to the story than that. Mattioli had to shed more than three and a half pounds at weigh-in at noon on the day of the fight. Why? Maybe Rocky can tell us. Whether it was the stripping of 3½ pounds that maybe Mattioli hadn't looked after himself after training, we can't say, but The Rock was not in his best form. Referee Terry Reilly had Mattioli a shade ahead at the end. So did "Age" writer Mike Ryan, but "Sun" and "Herald" writers Jack Dunn and Steve Hayward each had the New Zealander in front. Dunn wrote that if Mattioli had been in top form he would have stopped Afakasi.

Don't sell Afakasi short, he is a very good gloveman. But Mattioli in top gear is something. Now he will have to redeem himself. He can do this; he is only 21. It would be a shame to waste so much talent.

▲Three weeks later at the same venue, Australian and Commonwealth bantamweight champion Paul Ferreri had a field day in defending his latter title against Irishman Paddy Graham. Paul, always a good boxer, has developed some fire lately and this he displayed against Graham. The end came in round 8.

It was Ferreri's 50th fight, his 44th win against two points losses and four draws.

The Tony Mundine bubble suffered another puncture, this time by points decision to American Rudy Robles in their middleweight mill at Brisbane Festival Hall. Referee Des Crabbe's verdict of one point (47-46) was criticized by boxing men who witnessed the contest. Tony was well beaten, they said, but stated that the old Mundine was not there; he looked rusty and definitely was not mentally attuned to the scrap. He will need to regain his form for his coming Commonwealth title defense against Carlos Marks in Trinidad.

This loss to Robles just about throws Mundine out of world ratings. It was his first loss on points, his four previous defeats coming via the KO route. He still has a fantastic record with 41 KO wins, six points wins, one draw in 53 bouts.

▲Australian lightweight champion Andy Broome made a mistake that cost him his crown — all for the sake of a few ounces! Andy met South African born, Australian-domiciled Blakeney Matthews at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, in a non-title tilt, but where the Broome party erred was in coming in four ounces under the lightweight limit in a three minute round fight. The rule about this is that if a champion takes part in a contest over three-minute rounds, in which both he and his opponent weigh within the limit of the division in which the champion holds a title, and the champion is knocked out, he automatically loses his title — providing, of course, that his opponent is residentially qualified to contest that title. Matthews was. He also scaled only 134¾. And he knocked out Broome in the 8th round.

So Blakeney Matthews now is the Australian lightweight champion.

Broome could have safeguarded his crown by scaling an ounce or two over 135 or by insisting on two-minute rounds for the fight — and two-minute rounds usually are the thing at Blacktown. It was on the insistence of the Matthews party that the bout was scheduled for threes. Oh well — Broome was swept off his throne by a few ounces!

▲World War 3 broke out at Woonona-Bulli R.S.L. Club when Brian Clout, 124, met Kevin Percy, 124, over ten. These two didn't ease up for even one second during each round and at the end Clout was a popular points winner — 99-93 on my card as referee and judge Dave Thomas's card, 98-95 on judge Don Marks's card. This main-event followed a rip-snorting sixer in which Tommy Kane, 128, badly shaken in the last round, won a unanimous points verdict over Paul Camay, 129. Camay took two counts during the bout.

▲At South Syndey Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford — Semi Bula, 159¾, successfully defended his new South Wales State middleweight championship by halting the State junior middle champion Ricky Patterson, 158¾, in the third round. Patterson, a big hitter, did not produce the fireworks expected. He was decked twice in the second round and when he suddenly stopped hitting back in the third I halted the bout. Billed for ten.

▲One week later at the same venue Tony Thomas, 162, came from a long way behind to gain a two-point verdict on all cards over Fijian Kid Bale, 159. It was a very exciting fight in which each was on the deck but came back fighting hard.

▲N.S.W. State junior-welter king Jade Emerald, 144, had a runaway points win over Eric King, 146, at the Juniors, Kingsford. On that night Ron Beekin, 172, made a comeback over six rounds against Reno Zurik, 175. Beekin, a great prospect a few years ago, showed he had lost none of his hitting power by flattening Zurik for the full count in the second round.

▲At the same club Jade Emerald, 143, avenged the exciting draw he had against Shocker Myles, 143, five weeks earlier by halting Shocker in the 8th round of an exciting battle. This time Emerald did not make the mistake of giving the shifty Myles a start. He kept on top, decked Myles near the end of the seventh, and when the bell rang for the 8th, Shocker's corner withdrew him because of an injured eardrum. At that stage Emerald held a five-point lead on each card.

▲There was a good bout at Marrickville R.S.L. Club when two fast boxers in Jeff Malcolm, 138½, and Shocker Myles, 140, got together. This was three weeks prior to the Emerald-Myles meeting. Malcolm had that little bit extra and beat Myles on points over ten. In an eight-rounder on the same bill, N.S.W. State featherweight champion Billy Mulholland, at his heaviest at 133½, outpointed Mick Banks, 132.

▲Dave Richards, 133¼, pulled an upset by outpointing Jeff Malcolm, 135¼, over ten at Blacktown. It was a hard and close battle.

▲Eddie Buttons, 145, realized the value of top condition when he met Ross Fadie, 141, at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale. Eadie, one of the fittest and strongest boys in the game, didn't give Buttons any let-up and over the last three rounds Eddie was fighting on his reserves. Fighting hard, he was, but he couldn't keep Fadie out and it finished with Fadie a points winner in an atom-blast fight.

▲One week later, this time at Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton, Ross Fadie, 141, outpointed Binky Rominski, 139½, by a comfortable margin in a hard battle that excited the crowd.

▲The two tens at Blacktown R.S.L. Club didn't last long. Al Korovou, 161, several grades above Terry Fox, 166, knocked out the South Australian in the second round. In the other ten Fox's gym-mate Alan Aldenhoven, 146, was halted in the fourth round by Wally Carr, 141. Aldenhoven would do well to hang up his gloves. He is a game boy but he hasn't the ability he had a couple of years ago.

▲WIN4, a TV Channel on the south coast of N.S.W., staged a telethon for four children's charities and part of the telethon was a boxing night promoted by Peter Cairney at Corrimal Leagues Club. There were two pro bouts, the headline being over eight rounds, and several exhibitions that added (with showers and gate money) more than $1,000 for the charities. In the main Billy Mulholland again outpointed Dennis Talbot (it was Billy's third win over Dennis). Good boxing bout but not as thrilling as their first two. After their fight Billy and Dennis each donated half his purse to the cause. All officials donated their services free, and yours truly answered scores of boxing questions for 25 minutes from inside the ring.

▲Final result of the month comes from North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammerary, March 5. Over ten, unbeaten Seamus McGahon, 139, stormed home to win a points decision from Jimmy Carruthers over Kim McCain, 136.

▲As reported in the last issue of The Ring Joe Frazier's easy triumph over Jimmy Ellis was far from unexpected. The following sums up the thoughts of Australians now that the smoke has cleared.

THE BALLAD OF ST KILDA

There in the sun stood Smokin' Joe,
Waiting for the bell and rarin' to go;
(Or so we thought).
But the fire wasn't there — except in puffs —
As round followed round with misses and cuffs;
(Maybe Joe was taut).
"Showdown at St Kilda" was the pre-fight blurb,
But Joe seemed content not to disturb
(Mister Ellis, that is),
Until the start of the ninth round,
When he opened up and began to pound;
(He gave Jimmy "the biz").
The blitz lasted for only a minute —
And Jimmy Ellis just wasn't in it;
(It was all one way).
At a sign from the corner the ref called a halt,
Thus stopping the short but heavy assault;
(Ellis couldn't stay).
Smoking's a health hazard, says the ad,
But only for Jimmy was Smokin' Joe bad;
(He had a short visit).
But for his pains Jim was well paid —
Seventy-five grand is what he made —
(And that ain't hay, is it?)

Best fight on the Frazier-Ellis card was the scheduled ten between Australian and Commonwealth flyweight champion Big Jim West who scaled above the bantam limit, and local Guinea Hillier. West upended Hillier in round four with a blasting right to the jaw after good action.

Very impressive was American Stan Ward, 210. He showed like a real pro who is going somewhere in his three rounds with Aussie Les Miller, 208. It was in the third that referee Ken Brady rescued Miller who was still on his feet but going nowhere. Like to see Ward opposed to a better opponent.

Tongan 200-pounder Maile Haumona made short work of American heavyweight Vern McIntosh. Mac was dumped twice, Ken Brady stopping the action on the second knockdown of the first round.

In the opener, over eight rounds, Papuan Martin Beni outpointed Lachie (Baby Cassius) Austin in a welter bout.

Prior to the main, M.C. Tony Charlton called several celebrities into the ring to ask them their opinions of the outcome of the Frazier-Ellis bout. Biggest hand was for Lionel Ross, the lovable popular Aboriginal who won the world bantam title in 1968. When asked who he thought would win, Lionel, ever the joker, said: "Bet on the colored fella!"

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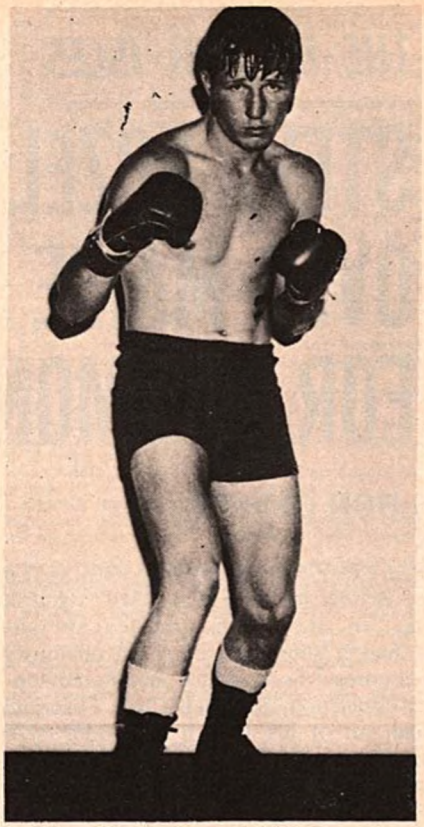
IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

HEAIR BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL



Jimmy Heair, San Diego fighter, rated 8 th among U.S. lightweights.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—Jimmy Heair got back into the win column, stopping Gerardo Ferratt, 139, Mexico, in the fifth round of their 10-rounder at Mickey Davies' Colliseum.

Heair, 138, was upset by Arturo Leon in his last outing, but proved to punch too hard for Ferratt.

The Irishman is now fighting out of El Paso.

Other results: Joe Medrano, 129, Los Angeles, KO over Carlos Perez, 127½, Los Angeles, (1); David Pacheco, 127, San Diego, decisioned over German Lopez, 125, Los Angeles, (5); Art Roddy, 152, San Diego, decision over Jimmy Jackson, 149, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**Sacramento** — Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, 174, Stockton, retained his California light heavyweight championship, halting former champ Terry Lee, 175, Concord, in the ninth round of a scheduled 12-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

Lopez, a standout prospect, was in charge most of the way and had Lee hurt when the match was stopped.

The gate was $7,002 and the show was under the promotion of Babe Griffin.

Other results: Pete Ranzany, 148, Sacramento, KO over Harry Brown, 158 Oakland, (1); Jimmy Jackson, 151, Los Angeles, dec. over Eddie Alexander, 150, Oakland, (6); Nacho Jimenez, 134½, Sacramento, dec. over Javier Caballero, 136, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**San Diego** — "Little" Art Hafey ripped into Julio Leal with a vicious body attack that carried him to an easy 10 round decision at the Coliseum. Hafey weighed 126, Leal, one half pound less.

Unbeaten Rudy Hernandez, 138, of Stanton (Cal) captured an easy eight round decision over Rojelio Moring, 134, Manila, P.I., in the semifinal.

Other results: Amado Vazquez, 172½, San Diego, dec. over Lee Mitchell, 174, Phoenix, (6); Dave Lopez, 141, Los Angeles, dec. over Juvencio Bernal, 141, Mexico City, (5).

The gross gate was $4,508.

▲**San Diego** — Veteran Irish Ronnie Wilson, 168, Vancouver, B.C., put on a strong stretch drive to take a 10 round decision over Dave Harmon, 174½, San Diego, in the 10 round wind up at the Coliseum.

In a companion 10-rounder, local prospect, Manuel Lujan, 124½, was held to a surprise draw by Julio Leal, 125, Mexico.

In a six founder, Carlos Perez, 131, Los Angeles, KO over Eladio Leal, 125, Mexico, (3).

▲**San Jose** — David Love, 159, San Diego, scored with several left-right combinations that resulted in a badly cut lip for Rudy Cruz, 160, Fresno.

Love was warded a third round technical knockout victory at Civic Auditorium.

Hildo Silva, 173, San Diego, knocked out Lee Mitchell, 176, Los Angeles, in the third of their 10-rounder.

Other results: Pasquel Caldera, 118, San Jose, dec. over John Gallo, 117½, San Jose, (6); Roy Holloway, 134½, Los Angeles, KO over Rafael Escobedo, 134½, San Francisco, (2).

▲**Los Angeles** — A six month layoff didn't seem to have any effect on Benny Rodriguez, as he dusted off Eddie Logan at 2:55 of the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic.

Logan was more than holding his own till he ran into a blistering right hand to the chin early in the fifth. He was up at eight, but soon down from another right.

At this point, referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the fight.

Rodriguez, from Chihuahua, Mexico, weighed 119. Logan, out of Detroit, was 118.

Other results: Bobby Larson, 132½, Los Angeles, dec. over Guillermo Gonzales, 134, East Los Angeles, (6); Jose de Rio, 118½, Mexico, decision over Johnny Jensen, 120, Los Angeles, (6); Alex Cota, 128½, Los Angeles, dec. over Ignacio Bravo, 126, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**Los Angeles** — Blond Frankie Duarte, 119, Los Angeles, floored Jorge Altamirano, 121¼, Mexico, twice enroute to a unanimous 10 round decision at the Olympic Auditorium.

This was Duarte's first effort in four months.

Other results: Juan Lopez, 120, Los Angeles, dec. over Seco Luna, 119½, Mexico, (6); Enrique Mendez, 127½, Los Angeles, decision over Ignacio Bravo, 126, Mexico, (6); Jesus Burciaga, 147, East Los Angeles, decision over Al Gomez, 150½, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**Los Angeles** — Colorful Pedro Lovell, 208½, Buenos Aries, had few problems handling Charlie James, 183, Los Angeles, in the 10 round, non televised main event, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Lovell couldn't floor James, but landed enough effective punches to win nine out of the ten rounds.

James, who tried to provoke a fight with the 28-year-old Argentine at the weigh in, talked plenty, but failed to produce under fire.

In the TV feature, Andy (The Hawk) Price, 144, Los Angeles, halted Eagle Sato, 143½, Tokyo, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Toni Pulu, 209, Tonga, was awarded a fourth round TKO over Kit Boursse, 202, North Hollywood. Boursse suffered a cut lip.

Art Roddy, 154, Los Angeles, decisioned Harry Brown, 152½, Los Angeles, in a five rounder.

The gate was $16,143.50, contributed by 4257 fans.

▲**Los Angeles** — San Diego's Eddie Mazon, 155½, came up with one of his better performances to upset favored Karl Vinson, 160, Sacramento, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Referee Larry Rozadilla, stopped the fight in the seventh when a cut that Vinson suffered in the fifth, reopened.

The victory upped Eddie's record to 77-13-4, while Vinson now has a 7-2 slate.

Other results: Javier Caballero, 138, Juarez, decisioned Lupe del Gadillo, 140, Los Angeles, (6); Alex Gota, 127½, East Los Angeles, KO'ed Mario Cazares, 127½, Mexico, (2); Young Casanova, 122½, Mexicali, decisioned Jose Gutierrez, 125, Los Angeles, (5).

THE BRITISH ISLES

STEVE ACZEL IN 3 OVER MAXIE SMITH FOR COMMONWEALTH TITLE

By RON OLVER

Steve Aczel, who knocked out Maxie Smith to win British Commonwealth title in upset.

BELLE VUE, MANCHESTER — To most British fans Steve Aczel was just a name, an Australian light-heavyweight who had a good record, could obviously punch, but who had not met much top-class opposition. So when Chris Finnegan pulled out of his British title fight with Maxie Smith, for the crown left vacant by John Conteh, promoter Mickey Duff hit upon the idea of bringing over Aczel to meet Smith for the Commonwealth crown, also left vacant by Conteh.

Aczel duly came, saw and conquered. He had Smith down five times, whereupon referee James Brimmell intervened near the end of the third round.

A few days later Smith announced his retirement from the ring.

The 20-year-old Aczel, 173½, was on top from the very first hard right hand that landed on Smith's face, just before the end of the opening session. Maxie, 174½, never recovered, although he did his best to fight back.

It was difficult to believe that Aczel had taken part in only ten previous contests, although he had won them all inside schedule.

Round one—and Smith paid two visits to the canvas. Aczel's big right hand was responsible. Perhaps unwisely Smith did not take advantage of a nine count on either occasion, and he was wobbly as he returned to his corner.

Round two—Smith still unsteady, but managing to land a couple of accurate punches that didn't worry his opponent. Another hard right to the chin had Smith holding on.

Smith drew blood first, from Aczel's nose, but had to take some hooks and swings in return. The bell must have come as a welcome relief to the Britisher.

Round three—and Aczel out for the kill. Two terrific punches found their targets on Smith's jaw and down he went for nine. He rose to try and fight back, but the strength had been sapped from his body and legs. Smith down again from a left hook—this time for three.

Aczel seemed to have all the time in the world to step back, measure his man, and then crack home that devastating right to the jaw.

As Smith went to his knees another right landed in the region of the neck, but the effects of the first punch had been too much for the Britisher.

Yet again such was this man's courage that he pulled himself up somehow as the count reached seven. Referee Brimmell then mercifully intervened.

An impressive performance by Aczel, who thus emulated compatriot Bob Dunlop, holder of the crown in 1968 and 1969.

It will need a good man to dethrone Aczel, who is not only a good puncher, but knows his way around the ring, and has an enormous amount of self-confidence.

I would think it is a certainty that he will return to Britain for further fights, but obviously will prefer to defend his title in his own country.

New British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson, Birmingham, 188½, had an easy points win over Pedro Agosto, Puerto Rico, 190½, the score after ten rounds being 100-96. This indicated that Johnson didn't lose a round.

The bout was televised live, and Johnson treated the fans to a fine exhibition of boxing

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of March 15, 1975)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Bunny Johnson (J)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Mani Vaka (T)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Danny McAlinden (I)
5. Rocky Campbell (Ant)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Wendell Newton (Bah)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Sunia Cama (Fiji)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
Steve Aczel (A)

1. John Conteh (E)
2. Chris Finnegan (E)
3. Johnny Frankham (E)
4. Roy John (W)
5. Pat McCann (E)
6. Gary Summerhays (C)
7. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
8. Greg McNamara (A)
9. Alipate Korovou (Ton)
10. Phil Matthews (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
5. Alan Minter (E)
6. Monty Betham (NZ)
7. Dave Downey (C)
8. Gary Broughton (C)
9. Carl Speare (E)
10. Dave Dakers (Br. Hon.)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Colin Cassidy (A)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. Lawrence Hafey (C)
10. Danny Agnew (A)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Pat Thomas (J)
7. Jeff Gale (W)
8. Kenny Webber (E)
9. Henry Rhiney (J)
10. Lennox Beckles (Guy)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant)
3. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
4. Larry Paul (E)
5. Donato Paduano (C)
6. Pongi Lie (Ton)
7. Matt Donovan (Tr)
8. Kevin White (E)
9. Jean Claude Leclair (C)
10. Ricky Patterson (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Championship Vacant

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Jim Watt (S)
3. Jonathan Dele (N)
4. Percy Hayles (J)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
6. Andy Broome (A)
7. Johnny Cheshire (S)
8. Tommy Dunn (E)
9. Paul Collette (C)
10. Jeff Malcolm (A)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
David Poison Kotey (G)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. Jimmy Revie (E)
4. Vernon Sollas (S)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Merv Wockner (A)
7. Bingo Crooks (J)
8. Alan Buchanan (S)
9. Howard Hayes (E)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Paddy Maguire (I)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Brian Clout (A)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Paddy Graham (I)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. George Turpin (E)
10. Jim Slatter (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Patrick Mambwe (Zam.)
3. John McCluskey (S)

Billy Moeller (A) and Jimmy Bell (S), now living in Australia, will meet for the newly-introduced Junior Lightweight division. Winner to defend against Mama Clay (N) within six months.

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

skill without ever cutting loose. Not that he needed to do anything else but jab and move in order to gain his victory, but some ringsiders were a bit restive at times, and the champion was so much on top that he might occasionally have turned on the pressure.

Nevertheless, Johnson revealed that he will be a difficult man to outbox, and there certainly doesn't seem to be anyone in Britain at the moment who would be favored to take his title. Joe Bugner, of course, is much too involved with the chance of a world title fight to bother about domestic matters.

Agosto had been out of the ring for over 12 months, and although durable enough was no match for Johnson in either skill or speed. His punching was way off-target at times.

Johnson was cut by the right eye in the fifth, and although obviously handicapped, he was able to pursue his jab and move tactics without a lot of opposition.

On occasion Johnson produced some exhibition-style left jabbing as if he were practicing the punch, five or six landing in succession on Agosto's face.

Agosto too was cut, on the right eyelid, but it wasn't a hectic scrap, one mainly for the purists. The Puerto Rican went to great lengths to show his opponent and the fans that he wasn't hurt, but often this is the sort of gesture that means he was.

An interesting contest, a competent performance by Johnson in his first fight as champion, but if only he carried an extra stone!

Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 132½, outscored Billy Smart, Corby, 130½, over six by 60-57, winning every round. Southpaw Wright was too smart for Billy, and was driven around the ring for almost the whole of the fight.

Jeff Pritchard, Merthyr, 128, stopped Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 127½, in the sixth and final round after decking him for eight.

Peter Freeman, Bolton, 206½, kayoed George Davies, Manchester, 205½, in two. Davies had been down twice previously.

Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 137, outpointed Roy Commosioung, Luton, 142, over six twos by 59½-58½. It was Kirk's eighth win in nine bouts.

Vernon Scott, St. Pancras, 175½, outscored Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 180, by 60-58 also over six twos. Last time they drew. This time Scott deserved his victory.

▲Royal Albert Hall, London — British champions Dave Needham and Maurice Hope both beat American opposition, light-heavy prospect Bill Knight took a tumble, and featherweight prospect Vernon Sollas looks sure of a British title fight. That was the overall position after a night of good boxing.

British bantam champ Dave Needham, Nottingham, 120, had no difficulty in outpointing Earl Large, 119¾, who came with quite a reputation, over ten by 99-98.

Large stands 5ft. 8in. and is thus difficult to reach. But southpaw Needham picked his punches well, came in with quick bursts and was out of range before his opponent could counter.

Needham earned applause for good ringcraft, and accurate right jabbing, and Large seemed frustrated as he tried to find his target. True, he managed to land several rights to the head, but only from long range, and they didn't trouble the British champion.

In the seventh their heads cracked together, and Large was cut on the right eyebrow. There were a few hectic exchanges after that, with Large swinging himself off his feet and Needham incurring a warning for ducking low.

Needham was still boxing his way comfortably to victory when Large landed a hefty right-hander in the ninth that pulled the Britisher up in his tracks. The American turned it on in the final round, and chased his opponent in an effort to land a finisher.

It was a good round for Large, but Needham stayed cool, and was content to keep out of trouble. The British champion was unmarked at the close, and although he didn't punch hard enough to have the American in difficulty, it was a creditable victory.

British light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope, Hackney, 155, impressed by stopping Don Cobbs, 155½, in four.

The first two rounds were quiet, each summing up the other. Cobbs was warned for a kidney punch in the second, and replied by hurting Hope with a couple of good rights.

Southpaw Hope took them well, then brought his own right into play.

Having summed his man up, Hope went on the attack in the third, and although Cobbs backed away quickly he had to take a left cross to the head that must have hurt.

This was a good round to watch, as both men were throwing punches. Cobbs was concentrating on the body, and got in one good punch to the face that made Hope's nose bleed.

Hope was in a merciless mood at the start of the fourth, getting home with telling body punches that took all the steam out of the American.

A right clip to the head sent Cobbs down for five, and he looked in a bad way. To his credit he rose and tried to fight back, only to be met with a fusilade of punches from both hands. He had no strength to retaliate, and referee Harry Humphreys then intervened.

It is difficult to believe that Hope has had only 13 paid fights, and he must be a definite threat for world honors.

American Freddie Bright, 170½, proved far too bright for prospect Billy Knight, 171, stopping him in six rounds. It was Bill's first defeat in seven pro bouts, and as the man who made the match was his own manager Mickey Duff, there could be no grouses.

Mickey was philosophical afterwards, saying wryly, "They can't say I pick easy touches for Bill."

Bright had been inactive for twelve months, and looked ring-rusty in the early stages. For four rounds both showed caution, and after Bright had been warned for hitting with the inside of the glove in the fifth he cut loose with two punches to the head that had Knight in trouble as the bell ended the round.

Knight's mouth was cut, and he had obviously been affected by the American's powerful punching. Bright came out quickly, Knight backed away from the ferocity of these attacks, but was driven into a corner.

There he was subjected to hard punches from both hands, and although still upright was unsteady on his feet and not able to fight back when referee Humphreys intervened.

An upset result, but that's what makes the fight game so intriguing.

In spite of a few setbacks I have always advocated that Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 126½, was Britain's best long-term prospect, and he certainly turned in a first-class performance to stop Alan Richardson, Fitzwilliam, 125¾, in the eighth of a scheduled ten.

In the past Sollas has been criticized for allegedly playing to the gallery and his Ali-shuffle. This time there could be no criticism. Sollas got down to the job of winning in the shortest possible time.

Richardson did his share towards making it a good fight to watch. He was aggressive throughout, but was clearly outboxed and outwitted.

In the opening session Richardson got a swelling around the right eye and this got steadily worse as time went on.

Jabs and uppercuts. These were Sollas' best assets. The uppercut is a punch rarely seen these days, but it is a most effective blow and Sollas uses it so well.

The Edinburgh boxer was beating his man to the punch, and was too fast for him.

By the fifth Sollas had established a good points lead, and he opened up more in the next two sessions, with Richardson seemingly unable to counter quickly enough.

As the jabs began to land more quickly, and the uppercuts pushed Alan's head back, so referee Harry Gibbs stepped between them. A good decision. For Richardson to continue would have been pointless.

Albert Hillman, Orpington, 154½, outscored Augustus Simms, Brixton, 157, over six by 59½-58. It was Hillman's fifth win in a row, and he overcame the handicap of a cut over the left eye. Simms put up stubborn resistance, and Hillman although winning comfortably, could never relax.

Errol McKenzie, Wales, 152, knocked out Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, in the opening session after decking him for nine.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 129, was decked in the second round, but got up to outpoint Noel McIvor, Luton, 127¾, over eight by 79½-77.

A right to the chin put him down, but he was mors careful after this, and used his southpaw right jab to good advantage, also crossing his left accurately.

McIvor tried hard to repeat his early success, but couldn't pin his man down again.

Les Wint, Tottenham, 148, outscored Dave Ward, Manchester, 142, by 59-58½ over six. The scoreline looked close, but Wint's skill was too much for Ward's durability.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 152, outpointed Keith Nugent, Stoke, 151¾, over six by 59½-58½. A bout devoid of incident, but with Commosioung a worthy winner.

▲Salford Rugby League Social Club — Phil Martin, Manchester, 175, kayoed George Gray, Bradford, 177, in seven after decking him twice.

Gray's best round was the fourth, but was on the receiving end the rest of the time, and a left to the body was the final and decisive punch.

Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, 148, avenged a previous loss by outscoring Billy Graham, Ealford, 149, over six, by 59½-58½. It was the latter's first defeat.

Corrigan just kept busy, with Graham coming more into his own in the middle rounds, and Jimmy finishing strongly.

Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 138, beat Danny Fearon, Liverpool, 136, who retired at the end of the third when cut under the right eye.

Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 142, outpointed Dave Ward, Manchester, 141, over six by 60-58½.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Bob Tuckett, Leeds, 170, beat Roy John, Abercynon, 175½, who was disqualified for alleged low blow in the fifth round.

John may have been a bit unlucky, not because the blow wasn't low, but because it didn't appear damaging. Tuckett, however, seemingly was not prepared to fight on. He rolled on the canvas, and under these circumstances there wasn't much that referee Mark Hart could do except rule out John.

It wasn't a particularly good scrap to watch. Tuckett had been down in the third from a body punch, but without a count, and in the fourth he again indicated that he thought he had been hit low. This time he took a count of four after going nearly out of the ring.

After the contest John revealed that he too had taken punches in forbidden areas, and had the marks to prove it.

It will be a contest that both men, plus the patrons, will want to forget. John nearly didn't box at all because of a cold, and it is a pity he changed his mind.

Substitute Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 141, outpointed Jess Harper, Manchester, 141, over eight by 79½-79, and was a comfortable winner.

McLean increased the pace as the fight proceeded, and his rights were particularly hard and accurate.

Young Silky, Leeds, 135½, returned after over two years inactivity to outscore substitute Eric Williams, Llandielo, 141, by 59½-58½ over six.

Rab Affleck, Irvine, 176½, stopped Alan Butters, Southampton, 178, in five after decking him twice.

▲Premier Ring Sporting Club, London — Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 162¾, stopped Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, 160, in three rounds after Richardson had been floored three times.

Tompkins was in merciles's mood as he decked his man in the second round with a right cross, and twice in the third with further right hands.

Micky Ryce, Abingdon, 146, outscored Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144½, over eight twos by 79-78. Fallone's experience wasn't quite enough to shake off the eager Ryce, and the latter was faster to the punch and quicker on his feet.

Mick Lock, Croydon, 160, knocked out Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 162½, in the opening session after decking him twice. Nelson was so dazed he wasn't able to leave the ring for some minutes.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Alan Minter, Crawley, 163½, outpointed Tony Allen, Birmingham, 168, over eight by 79½-77.

Substitute Allen defied all Minter's attempts to finish it inside schedule, but it wasn't a fight to be remembered.

Southpaw Minter threw enough punches, but at times was inaccurate, and Allen held frequently, which frustrated his opponent.

If Minter had boxed at long range and jabbed with his right it is likely that he would have won without difficulty, but the frequent close-quarter mauls didn't help.

Minter was decked in the seventh when caught off balance, but rose immediately, and Allen was cautioned several times, mostly for holding on. What clean work there was came from Minter.

Carl Speare, Liverpool, 161¾, repeated a previous win by outpointing Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 158½, over eight by 79½-78. Spear's victory was as clear as the scoreline suggests. He overcame the handicap of cuts around the left eye, and Magdziarz, too, was cut slightly by the left eye.

Speare's aggression was too much for his opponent. Carl did all the forcing, and Jan tired considerably in the later stages. An impressive win for Speare, making him a future title threat.

Billy Smart, Corby, 131, and Johnny Wall, Merthyr, 130, drew over six crowd-pleasing rounds, and appreciative fans responded with over $200.

It was a terrific scrap, during which the pace rarely slackened, and the punches never stopped coming from both men.

Wall looked on top in the final session, but in this sort of fight it was a pity there had to be a loser, and that's exactly what referee Brian Anders thought as he called it even.

Roger Aldis, Doncaster, 140, outscored Dick Goodman, Kettering, 139, over six twos by 60-58½, revealing the more accurate punching.

▲Bedfordshire Sporting Club — Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 179½, outpointed Steve Foley, Bedford, 180, by 79½-79 over eight. Last time they met the result was a draw, and this one was almost as close.

Armstrong won because he boxed coolly, and scored with accurate counter-punching against an opponent who kept coming forward.

Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 126½, outscored Frankie Wagstaff, Bedford, 139, over six by 60-56. Devanney thus won every round, and Wagstaff was down twice.

Wagstaff's pluck impressed the patrons, and the efforts of both men were rewarded with nobbins.

Vernon Scott, St. Pancras, 176, stopped Len Britton, Doncaster, 176½, referee Benny Caplan refusing to allow him to come out for the sixth and final round.

Joe Hannaford, Shrewsbury, 160, stopped debutant Glenroy Taylor, London, 163, who retired at the end of the third with an injured hand.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Welshman Jeff Gale, 147, won his eliminating contest for the British welterweight title by outpointing Kevin White, Wells, 145½, over ten rounds by 98½-97½.

Gale now tackles Pat Thomas in a final eliminator, winner to meet champion John H. Stracey. It was Jeff's seventh win in eight bouts, and his only defeat was on an eye injury against Tony Poole, a result that he has since reversed.

At the half-way stage there was little in it. Gale's clever left hand had probably won him the first two rounds, but White stepped up the pace in the next two sessions, and was causing his opponent trouble.

The turning-point was undoubtedly the fifth round, when White was cut by the left eye, an injury which was to bother him for the rest of the bout, and one which referee Sid Nathan examined a few times.

BUGNER DEFEATS CANE FOR EUROPEAN TITLE

By J.A. TREE

IN BOLOGNA, Joe Bugner, Britain, retained his European heavyweight title beating Dante Cane, Italy, who was taken out of the fight by German referee, Rudolf Drust, in round four. Cane's left eye was cut in the third, bled freely, and it was touch and go as to whether Drust was going to call a halt earlier. Cane upset the champion in round two catching him with some wild but hard blows, but in the heat that followed Bugner had tamed the 230-pound Italian.

The crowd of some eight thousand called for the Britainer to be disqualified claiming that their matadors injury had been caused by Bugner's head. The champion and his manager, Andy Smith, had a rough trip on the journey back to the dressing room. This was Bugners fifth defense and before the fight started he was presented with a gold statuette by EBU secretary, Piero Pini, Italy.

Cane announced his retirement after the fight. He was nearly ten years older than Bugner and hithis was his 18th fight in Bologna where he was born on June 5, 1940. Of 54 fights he won 35, lost 13, drew 5 and had 1 no contest.

Joe Bugner, 24 years of age, has had 58 fights, winning 51, losing 6 and drawing 1.

This was the 84th European heavyweight championship contest since Gunnar Moir, Britain, fought fellow countryman, Jack Palmer, in London, on 19 Oct. 1906 winning on a disqualification in round nine. Italians have fought British boxers for the heavyweight crown on four occasions. Henry Cooper (GB) beat Piero Tomasoni (I), 1969, and Joe Bugner (GB) beat Bepi Ros (1973), Mario Baruzzi (1974), and now Dante Cane. 34 Britains and 13 Italians have battled for the European heavyweight title and 9 Britains and 3 Italians have won the crown.

The French Boxing Federation is calling a meeting to take a look at the professional sport. The last show to be staged in the famous Palais des Sports took place over a year ago. Jose Hernandez, Spain, former European junior middleweight champion, is to make a comeback. The deaf and dumb mute from Spain, reigned in 1971.

European junior middleweight champion, Jose Duran, Spain, has been freed from his contract with 68-year-old, German promoter, Fritz Gretzschel, for a defense against German, Eckhard Dagge in Berlin. Duran is now to meet Miguel de Oliveira, Brazil, for the vacant WBC title. Should Duran lose to Oliveira, then he will defend his European crown against Dagge within forty-five days. Should he defeat the Brazilian, then he must stake both the world and the European title against the German within ninety days. Gretzschel hopes for the latter so that he can stage the world title bout in Berlin in the fall. In 1962 Gretzschel brought Harold Johnson to Berlin to defend his world light heavyweight crown against Gustav Scholz. The bout attracted a crowd of over 30,000 who saw the local matador from Gretzschel's stable lose on points.

34-year-old Norbert Grupe, Germany, recently released from prison found his application for a licence to box again turned down BDB. Norbert, son of Richard Grupe who campaigned as a heavyweight in 1947, was last seen in the ring in December 1970. On November 9, 1966, a crowd of 12,000 saw Grupe lose a European light heavyweight title fight to champion, Guinaldo Rinaldi, Italy, in Berlin.

Walerij Popentschenko, who won the European amateur middleweight title on two occasions and collected a gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics, fell from the fourth floor of a building and died from his injuries. Popentschenko, 37, retired from amateur boxing in 1967.

WBC world junior welterweight champion, Perico Fernandez, Spain, surprisingly lost to Romano Fanali, Italy, in a non title fight in Madrid. The Spanish authorities fined their champion $500 for the pathetic performance he turned in.

The WBC light flyweight title bout, the first of its kind, between Franco Udella, Italy, and Valentin Martinez, Mexico, did not take place as planned. Udella went down with the flu.

Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, based in Germany, and managed by Willi Zeller, could be crowned light heavyweight champion of Europe. Only his nationality prevents this but it does not stop him topping fight

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Bepi Ros (I)
2. Jean Piere Coopman (B)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Rudi Lubbers (H)
5. Mario Baruzzi (I)
6. Bernd August (G)
7. Conny Valensek (G)
8. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
9. Jan Lubbers (H)
10. Armando Zanin (I)

Light Heavies
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Harold Skog (N)
4. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
5. Christian Poncelet (F)
6. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)
7. Lothar Stengel (G)
8. Sergio Janilli (I)
9. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
10. Jose Galvez Vasquez (S)

Middleweight
* Kevin Finnegan (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Max Coehn (F)
3. Poul Knudsen (D)
4. Franz Csandl (A)
5. Frank Reiche (G)
6. Domenico Tiberia (I)
7. Germano Velsecchi (I)
8. Trento Facchiocchi (I)
9. Elio Calcabrini (I)
10. Daniel Martin (F)

Junior Middles
* Jose Duran (S)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Antonio Castellini (I)
3. Johann Orsolics (A)
4. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
5. Aldo Bentini (I)
6. Damiano Lossandro (I)
7. Alberto Torri (I)
8. Vincent Parra (F)
9. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
10. Peter Scheibner (G)

Welterweights
* John H. Stracey (GB)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Domenico DiJorio (I)
3. Marco Sxano (I)
4. Germain LeMaitre (F)
5. Jurgen Hansen (D)
6. Jose Gonzales Dopico (S)
7. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
8. Laurits Jensen (D)
9. Gianni Molesini (I)
10. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)

Junior Welterweights
* Gomez Fouz (S)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Romano Fanalli (I)
4. Roger Zami (F)
5. Bruno Freshi (I)
6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
7. Fernando Sanchez (S)
8. Walter Blaser (Switz)
9. Bernard Creto (F)
10. Tommaso Marocco (I)

Lightweights
* Ken Buchanan (GB)
1. Jean Piedvacchi (F)
2. Giancario Ussi (I)
3. Rosario Sanna (I)
4. Leonard Tavarez (F)
5. Errik Nikkinen (Fn)
6. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
7. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
8. Efisio Pinna (I)
9. Andre Holyk (Fn)
10. Miguel Velazquez (S)

Junior Lights
* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Antonio Puddu (I)
3. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
4. Mario Redl (I)
5. Natale Vezzoli (I)
6. Giuseppe Mura (I)
7. Domingo Jiminez (S)
8. Renzo Battistelli (I)
9. Manuel Alcala (S)
10. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)

Featherweight
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Jose Jiminez (S)
2. Michele Siracusa (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
5. Giuliano Lai (I)
6. Luis Aisa (S)
7. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)
8. Sergio Emili (I)
9. Ramiro Marichal (S)
10. Daniel Vermandere (F)

Bantamweight
* Daniel Triolaire (F)
1. Bob Allotey (S)
2. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
5. Jacky Bihin (F)
6. Jose Luis Otero (S)
7. Fernando Atzori (I)
8. Lucio Vailati (I)
9. Franco Petrozzi (I)
10. Pedro Pinto (S)

Flyweight
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Dominque Cesari (I)
6. Pedro Molledro (S)
7. Christian Martin (F)
8. Angelo Spano (I)
9. Altero Marini (I)
10. Mariano Garcia (S)

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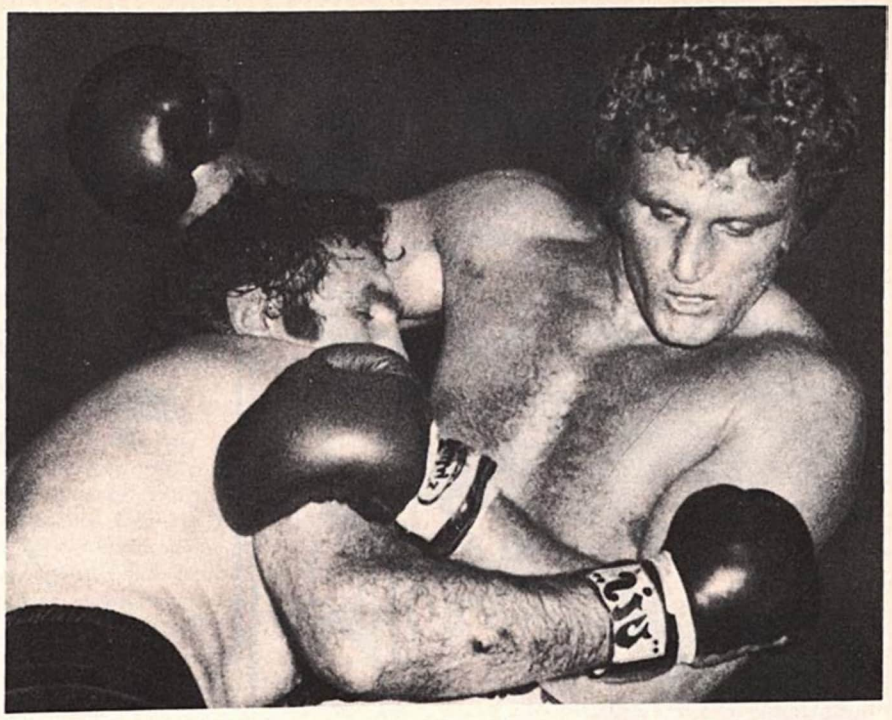
In Bologna, Italy, Joe Bugner successfully defended his European heavyweight crown when his fight with Dante Cane, of Italy, was halted in the fourth round by referee Rudolf Drust due to a cut over Cane's left eye.



cards up and down the country. Peralta hopes to come up with Spanish credentials before long and then the European crown could be his.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Zurich** — Twenty-three-year-old Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz, Spain, won Perico Fernandez's vacated European junior welterweight title outpointing local star, Walter Blaser, over fifteen rounds xefore a crowd of six thousand in Zurich. Blaser was decked in round two but recovered to fight back strongly. It was a bitter duel but all three officials voted in favor of Fouz. Referee Carabellese, Italy, scored it 147-140, judge Kurt Halbach, Germany, 149-139 and judge Wally Thom, Britain, 149-140. Spain now has two European champions, Fouz and Jose Duran, junior middleweight champion. This was the sixth European championship fight to be staged in Zurich.

▲**Davos** — 24-year-old Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, outpointed the Italian champion, Franco Buglione (28) over ten rounds before a crowd of a thousand.

▲**Zurich** — 23-year-old Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz

ITALY

▲**Milan** — Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna decisioned Piero Meraviglia, eight. Junior lightweight. Giuseppe Mura kayoed Renzo Battistelli in round six.

▲**Nuoro** — Junior lightweight. Giuseppe Mura beat Abdelkader Bouguetab, TKO7.

▲**Milan** — Domenico Di Jorio held on to his Italian welterweight title beating Giovanni Mosesini who retired with cuts in round four. Middleweight. Guerino Cipriani outscored Jose Luis Dura, Argentina, eight. Light heavyweight. Mario Almanzo beat Ivan Matekovic, Yugoslavia, TKO6.

▲**Bologna** — Featherweight. Enzo Farinelli and Natale Vezzoli drew their eight rounder.

▲**Cagliari** — Flyweight. Franco, Italy, outscored Humberto Mascarell, Brazil, ten. Junior welterweight. Vasco Armstrong, Nigeria, beat Efisio Pinna who retired with a cut eye in round three. Welterweight. Marco Scano beat Joseph N'Gignon, TKO7.

▲**Naples** — Elio Cotena, Italy, 29 years-of-age, won the European featherweight title beating Jose Jiminez, Spain, TKO11. It was Cotena's 29th victory with 4 losses and 1 draw. The 22-year-old Jiminez has had 40 bouts, won 30, lost 6, and drew 4. Italy has now three European champions, Elio Cotena, Domenico Adinolfi, light heavyweight and Franco Udella, flyweight. Six thousand saw the fight.

SPAIN

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▲**Figuera** — Bantamweight Abdelkader Esmain beat Jaime Lozano, TKO5.

▲**Barcelona** — Junior welterweight Toni Ortiz beat Jonathan Dele who retired with a cut eye in 6. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz, Spain, decisioned Ramonao Fanali, Italy, 8. Bantamweight Manuel Masso beat Fernando Atzori, Italy, TKO7. Junior middleweight. Alfonso Fernandez and Nicola Sassanelli drew in their 8 rounder. Featherweight Isidoro Cabeza defeated Alfredo Bini, Italy, KO7.

▲**Palma de Mallorca** — Bantamweight Jeronimo Rodriguez outscored Pedro Molledo, 8.

BELGIUM

▲**Ghent** — Middleweight Alfredo Noveiras outscored Wladimir Silva, 8. Phylo Bandu beat Adriano Rodriguez TKO5. Lightweight Santino Reali decisioned Siki Sow, 8. Featherweight Ali Messaoud outscored Domenico Radicioni in 6. Welterweight James Vry beat Roger Bavent, TKO4.

▲**Liege** — Welterweight. Jean Simos outscored Gianpaolo Piras, eight.

GERMANY

▲**Cologne** — Austrian, Franz Csandl and German, Wolfgang Gans, went down with the flu and 1964 Olympic bronze medal winner, Eddie Blay, injured his hand. Tommy van Hatten, USA, found no one at the airport to meet so flew back home. With all these fighters crying off promoter, Willi Zeller's show still went on to a crowd of over five thousand. Some four thousand were Turks who flocked to the venue to see their fellow countrymen, Cemal Kamaci and Burham Yesilbag in action. Results: Middleweight Rene Zeller the 18-year-old son of the promoter, made his professional debut and halted Riedewald of Holland in the first. Henk Ruhling, manager to Ronald Riedewald, brought the fight to a close. Welterweight. Giapaole Piras, Spain, drew in a four rounder with Burham Yesilbag, Turkey. Welterweight Jörgen Hansen, Denmark, beat German champion, Horst Brinkmeier, TKO4. Light heavyweight Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, defeated German Conny Velensek, TKO8. Welterweight Cemal Kamaci, Turkey, beat Kurt Hombach, Germany, TKO4.

FRANCE

▲**Marseilles** — Welterweight Robert Gambini beat Sreco Weiner, KO6.

▲**Dijon** — Middleweight Marcel Giordanella won over Joel LeGuern, KO6. Lightweight Pierre Petit decisioned Jean Marie Continaut, 8.

▲**Paris** — Middleweight Jean Mateo beat Tim McHugh, Britain, KO7. Welterweight Alain Salmon outscored Jean Pierre Moreau, 6.

▲**St. Nazaire** — Germain LeMaitre, champion of France, beat Britainer Henry Rhiney, KO5. Junior light Ernesto Miranda and Jaques Mamane drew their rounder.

▲**Rouen** — Millionaire, George Semake brought European bantamweight champion Bob Allotey, Spain, to France for ten thousand pounds to face Daniel Trioulaire, France. Semake lost five thousand pounds on the show but France has a European champion, Trioulaire winning in 9. The 22-year-old pipe maker, Trioulaire, has won 14 of his 15 fights and drawn 1 since turning professional two years ago. Bob Allotey, 31, who was unable to meet the Frenchman earlier because of a two month suspension, took counts in rounds three and nine. George Semake is now hoping to match Trioulaire against Britain's Dave Needham. Welterweight. Philippe Girotti beat Pietro Gasparri, TKO3.

▲**Isbergues** — Lightweight Jean Baptite Piedvache beat Jean Claude Vanderbregt, TKO2.

▲**Puteaux** — Featherweight Michel Lefehyre outscored Jean Pierre Hainault, 8.

▲**Grenoble** — Lightweight Gilbert Orsaldo and Carlos Foldes drew in their 8 rounder. Junior middleweight Roland Perfetti, outscored Pierre Lefebvre, 8.

▲**Rheims** — Heavyweight Coulibaly Demba beat Francis Monnet, KO1.

▲**Paris** — Middleweight Jean Mateo outscored Jules Bellaiche, 10. Lightweight Joel Moulin decisioned Rene Martin, 6. Andre Holyk won the French lightweight title beating Henri Nesi, KO7. Holyk, 24 years-of-age, has won 21 fights and drawn in 4. Albert Matler outscored Miguel Araujo in a featherweight semi final bout.

LEE DECISIONS DAKERS IN HOT GO AT BELIZE

By HENRY YOUNG

Belize City, Belize — After a week's postponement due to a swelling over David Daker's eye, the middleweight champ of Belize squared off against Roy Lee, middleweight champ of Jamaica, at Bird's Isle, Belize City.

Dakers was ahead going into the 6th round but Lee then took over and had Dakers on the canvas in round 7 and 8 to gain a unanimous 10 round decision. In December, 1973, Dakers decisioned Lee.

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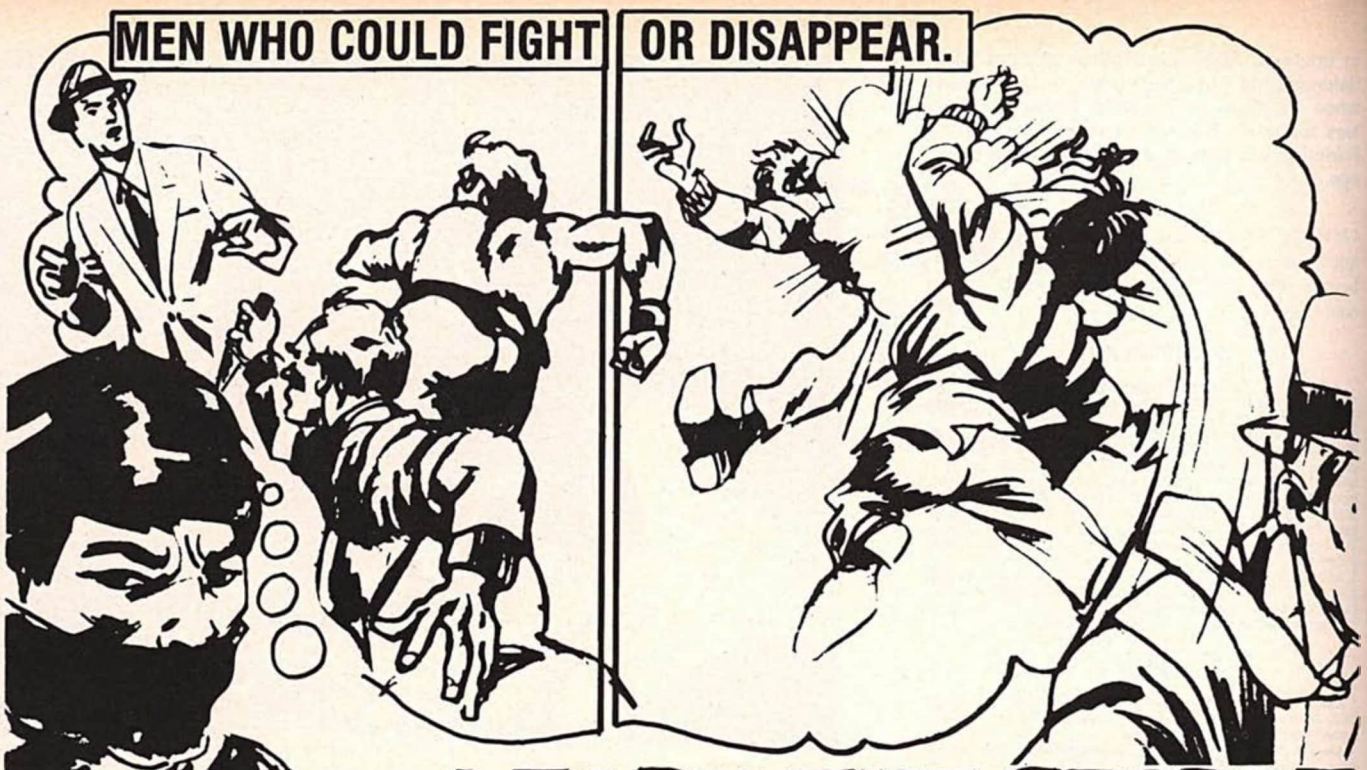

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took place on February 14, 1916. Wilde convincingly stopped his man in the eleventh, also taking the European crown.

The following June he beat Tancy Lee to avenge that previous defeat and keep his titles, and was then matched with Young Zulu Kid, who was in fact an Italian who boxed in America. It was generally agreed that the winner would be regarded as official and universally-accepted World flyweight champion, although Britishers Sid Smith, Bill Ladbury, Joe Symonds, and Percy Jones had all claimed it hitherto.

Wilde knocked his man out in the eleventh at Holborn, London, on December 18, 1916. It was his 15th bout that year. With World War I in progress Jimmy joined the British Army as a Physical Training Instructor. Army bouts were restricted to three rounds, and in one of these, in December 1918, Wilde was adjudged to have been outpointed by Pal Moore.

Ringsiders believed it was a bad verdict, but in 1919 they had a return over 20 rounds, and Wilde won handily on points. He also beat Joe Lynch and stopped top Featherweight Joe Conn.

The boxing writers tried hard to find a flaw in his make-up. They couldn't, unless it was too much courage. He had a terrific punch for his weight, held his gloves almost at hip level, and from this vantage point would launch attack after attack, which he could sustain for minutes.

He bobbed and weaved, but never wasted energy. Every blow was made to tell, every movement was necessary. When each round ended, so did Wilde immediately relax, allowing his whole body to rest during the minute's interval.

His balance was another important factor. A boxer who threw punches at the same rate as Wilde just had to be well-balanced. His speed, skills and all-round ability were backed up by the biggest fighting heart in the business.

At the end of 1919, Wilde decided to go to the United States and Canada to see the fight set-up. He wasn't impressed. "Plenty of two-handed aggressive fighters," he said. "But lacking in the skills."

Jimmy was undefeated in 12 bouts there, and earned the respect of the American public, who were watching the World champion for the first time.

Having returned to Britain in mid-1920 he had a well-earned rest. Then came an offer for him to meet World bantam champ Peter Herman — £8,000 plus expenses, at London's Royal Albert Hall, on January 13, 1921.

Herman was supposed to come in at not more than 8st 6lb. But although this clause was written into Wilde's contract, somehow it didn't find its way into Herman's. Also, just before he left America for Britian, Herman lost his World title to Joe Lynch; rather conveniently, British fans thought.

Wilde was livid when he heard this, and at first regused to leave his dressing-room. It was only when Lord Lonsdale told him the Prince of Wales was present that Jimmy sprang to his feet. "Can't let His Highness down," he said. "I'll fight Herman."

But the difference of nearly a stone was too much for the plucky Welshman. After he had taken a terrific right to the jaw in the second round the writing was on the wall, although he lasted until the 17th, when referee Jack Smith had to literally drag him back to his corner.

This should have been the end of Wilde's career. He should have retired still holding his World flyweight crown. But he was tempted by an offer of £13,000 to defend his crown against Filipino Pancho Villa in the New York Polo Grounds on June 18, 1923. Wilde was way past his best, yet could still have been in with a chance but for an incident that happened at the end of the second round.

Wilde dropped his gloves at the bell, only to be caught by a rabbit punch that put him down. His seconds worked frantically to get him ready for the following round, and succeeded, but the fight was lost with that foul blow. The towel should have come in, but Jimmy stubbornly, and unwisely, refused.

Wilde was kayoed in the seventh, and taken to hospital with a concussion. Villa was in tears as he apologized to Lisbeth for the foul blow, but the damage had been done. Jimmy Wilde had fought his last fight. Later he became a manager, and a referee, also a boxing writer of note.

In 1959 he became the first non-American and flyweight to be elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame, a legend in his own lifetime.

Sadly, in his old age, he was set upon by a gang of thugs on Cardiff Station, and was never the same again. After Lisbeth died he led a quiet existence, passing away peacefully at the age of 77.

In 1913 he wanted to go to America with a team of British boxers, but was considered "too small." The man who took his place was drowned when the Titanic sank.

Seems Wilde was destined to become the greatest World flyweight champion of all time.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending April 15, 1975

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Muhammad Ali kayoed Chuck Wepner, 15, to retain World Heavyweight title.
Ken Norton halted Jerry Quarry, 5, Reco Brooks, 1.
Joe Bugner stopped Dante Cane, 5, E.B.U. heavyweight title.
Bunny Johnson kayoed Angel Oquendo, 10.
Earnie Shavers halted Leon Shaw, 1.
Leroy Jones beat George Johnson, 10.
Dave Sidwell outpointed Gary Bates, 6.
Jose Luis Garcia kayoed Bob Hazelton, 3.
Wild Bill Carson halted Sergio Rodriguez, 6.
Cookie Wallace stopped Scott aDoux, 2.
Tom Van Hoof beat Joe Batton, 6.
Stan Ward kayoed Les Miller, 3.
Mel Turnbow outpointed Chico Gardner, 8.
Jody Ballard decisioned Rodney Bobick, 10.
John L. Johnson stopped O.T. Davies, 2.
Roger Pinkney halted Richard Butterworth, 2.
Clyde Brown kayoed by Ned Hallacy, 3.
Brian O'Melia lost to Lorenzo Zanon, 8.
Kevin Pantalow decisioned Bob Crutison, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh kayoed Lonnie Bennett, 5, W.B.C. light heavyweight title.
Alvaro Lopez stopped Terry Lee, 9.
Bobby Cassidy halted John Gerowski, 4, beat Karl Zurheide, 8.
Avenamar Peralta defeated Hall Carroll, 10.
Hildo Silva stopped Lee Mitchell, 3.
James Scott defeated Jesse Burnett, 10.
Jose Roman beat Walter White, 11.
Ronnie Wilson won from Carlos Tijerina, 10.
Chris Elliott beat Ned Hallacy, 10.
Ray Elson outpointed Ned Edwards, 8.
Pedro Soto kayoed Ned Edwards, 1.
Roberto Aguilar stopped Ivan Rojas, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tony Licata lost to Ramon Mendez, 10.
Vito Antuofermo beat Dave Huckaby, 10.
Rudy Robles outpointed Tony Mundine, 10.
Denny Moyer lost to Franz Csandl, 10.
Mario Rosa beat Chris Black, 10.
Larry Gillio drew with Curtis Phillips, 6.
Dave Love kayoed Rudy Cruz, 3.
Eduardo Mazon halted Karl Vinson, 8.
Jean Mateo stopped Mike Morgan, 4.
John Heidel outpointed Monte Cady, 10.
Johnny Pinney won from Dennis Riggs, 10.
Jimmy Marshall halted Jose Martin Flores, 1.
Larry Adkins kayoed Donnie Starks, 1.
Tommy Torino stopped Roscoe Bell, 6.
Paul Osborne beat Jerry Tramontano, 6.
Antonio Aguilar whipped Roque Roldan, 10.
Billy Duquette outpointed Sam Zohdi, 4.
Wayne Lewis beat Jim Foy, 4.
Ron Cichon kayoed Richard Matthews, 3.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Ramon Mendez defeated Tony Licata, 10.
Jose Duran beat Peter Schreiber, 10.
Paul Knudsen halted Cuby Jackson, 8.
Tony Gardner kayoed Hank Gregory, 10, halted Ron Cichon, 6.
Jackie Smith outpointed Danny Heath, 10.
Roberto Benacquista defeated Donato Paduano, 8.
Hedgeman Lewis won from Rafael Rodriguez, 10.
Jackeun Yim beat Hideo Kanazawa, 12, Orient Junior Middleweight title.
Emeterio Villanuva drew with Manuel Fierro, 7.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Luis Lara Acosta beat Angel Espada, 10.
Fausto Rodriguez kayoed David Oropeza, 2.
Bruno Arcari outpointed Harold Weston, 10.
Sandy Torres kayoed Dario Hidalgo, 8.
Nelson Ruiz halted Herminio Ramirez, 7.
Pete Ranzany kayoed Harry Brown, 1.
Jimmy Jackson outpointed Ed Alexander, 6.
Danny Nelson halted Jimmy Nieves, 1.
Lou Bizzaro kayoed Bobby Crawford, 3.
Wongso Suseno defeated Jimmy Gonzalez, 12.
Dario Hidalgo halted Ray Ortiz, 6.
Steve Toomey won from Jimmy Nieves, 6.
Jose Carabello drew with Jose Pagon, 6.
Aristeo Castro lost to Soldado Cardenas, 10.
Mario Guilloti decisioned Manuel Fernandez, 10.
Mario Miranda drew with Hugo Salega, 10.
Carlos Peralta kayoed Rogelio Zarza, 3.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Esteban DeJesus kayoed Jessie Lara, 3.
Monroe Brooks drew with David Oropeza.
Romano Fanali beat Pedro Fernandez, 10.
Leoncio Ortiz halted Jesus Alonso, 6.
Tony Petronelli kayoed Pat McCormack, 7, Bobby Gutheridge, 8, U.S. junior welterweight title.
Hector Matta defeated Jose Pagon, 10.
Frankie Benitez outpointed Miguel Mayan, 10.
Alfonso Frazer kayoed Jose Blanco, 2.
George Anderson beat Tony Johnson, 8.
Carlos Gil halted Lupe Ramirez, 6.
Larry Bonds defeated Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.
Carlos Giminez drew with Daniel Gonzalez, 3.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Roberto Duran kayoed Ray Lampkin, 14, retained world lightweight title.
Ray Lunny halted Sammy Goss, 8.
Jose Luis Lopez stopped by Tyrone Everett, 4.
Jesus Alonso kayoed by Leoncio Ortiz, 6.
Hector Medina stopped Fermin Soto, 3.
Randy Shields halted Armando Montemayor, 2, beat Art Leon, 10.
Bobby Larson beat Guillermo Gonzalez, 6.
Nani Marrero kayoed Jose Peterson, 5.
Jimmy Heair halted Gerardo Ferratt, 5.
Pat Kivlin beat Gerry Anson, 6.
Jose Jiminez outpointed Manuel Batista, 6.
Julio Alfonso stopped Kid Pierra, 4.
Juan Hidalgo halted Ben Camacho, 2.
Morito Kashiwaba beat Fred Paster, 12, Orient Lightweight title.
Vinnie De Borros outpointed Ahmet Tosci, 6.
Julio Mendez kayoed Fitzroy Guisseppi, 3.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ben Villaflor beat Hyun Kim, 15, retained World Junior Lightweight title.
Tyrone Everett halted Jose Luis Lopez, 4.
Alfredo Escalera kayoed Mario Roman.
Walter Seeley outpointed Pablo Nieves, 10.
Ould Makloufi beat Ernesto Miranda, 10.
Mario Mendoza stopped Carlos Walter, 9.
Salvatore Torres halted Jose Martin Del Campo, 8.
Silvero Ortiz kayoed Miguel Portugal, 4.
Victor Echegaray lost to Miguel Figueroa, 10, beat Miguel Figueroa, 10.
Pedro Aguero decisioned Juan D. Corradi, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Bobby Chacon kayoed Jesus Estrada, 2, W.B.C. featherweight title.
Alexis Arguello halted Lionel Hernandez, 8, W.B.A. featherweight title.
Art Hafey stopped Alfredo Marcano, 4.
Royal Kobayashi kayoed Masanao Toyoshima, 6.
Antonio Gomez beat Clemente Mucino, 10.
Reynaldo Hidalgo defeated Roberto Suarez, 10.
Tommy Rose kayoed Johnny Gonzalez, 1.
Ricardo Camaro outpointed Phil Hudson, 10.
Young Casanova beat Jose Gutierrez, 6.
Joe Medrano kayoed Carlos Perez, 1.
David Pacheco decisioned German Lopez, 5.
Johnny North stopped Ron Pettigrew, 7.
Reynaldo Hidalgo halted Francisco Castro, 4.
Rafael Ortega beat Rodolfo Francis, 10.
Jose Torres kayoed Enrique Garcia, 5.
Guerrero Ibarra whipped Zorrita Yepez, 10.
Arturo Merino halted Memo Cruz, 3.
Alfonso Ibarra outpointed Magallo Lozado, 10.
Jose Casas beat Oscar Mendez, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alfonso Zamora kayoed Soo Hwan Hong, 4, to win World Bantamweight title.
Andres Hernandez beat Benito Estrella, 10.
Carlos Zarate beat Joe Guevara.
Nestor Jiminez halted Sigfredo Moreno, 9.
Carlos Mendoza stopped Jose Luis Soto, 9.
Paul Ferreri kayoed Paddy Maguire, 8, British Empire bantamweight title.
Raul Rosette beat Jose Orantes, 6.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Muhammad Muffleh, 1.
Wilfredo Gomez halted Antonio Da Silva, 2.
Benny Rodriguez beat Eddie Logan, 10.
Jose Del Rio outpointed Johnny Jenson, 6.
Frank Duarte defeated Jorge Altamirano, 10.
Juan Lopez drew with Seco Luna, 5.
Eusebio Pedroza beat Ernesto Mathias, 10.
Orlando Amoros decisioned Julio Hernandez, 10.
Benicio Sosa halted Eduardo Echeverria, 5.
Roberto Ruvaldino beat Rogelio Lara, 10.
Tarcisio Gomez kayoed by Juan Lopez, 6.
Memo Ortiz halted Roy Clarke, 1.

FLYWEIGHTS

Miguel Canto outpointed Ignacio Espinal, 10, non-title.
Betulio Gonzalez halted Mario Mendez, 8.
Vicente Pool beat Jose Sanchez, 10.
Fritz Chervet decisioned Franco Buglione, 10, lost to Franco Sperati, 10.
Jim West halted Guinea Hiller, 4.
Luis Estaba stopped Jose Luna, 3.
Alberto Morales won from Jose Guzman, 12.
Jorge Lujan outpointed John Cajina, 10.
Ricardo Delgado beat Chamaco Cazares, 10.
Jose Luis Cetina kayoed by Babe San Martin, 3.
Lorenzo Gutierrez lost to Gonzalo Olvera, 10.
Manuel Montiel defeated Catalino Flores, 10.

BAKER OVER SAENZ; GANT KO'S WASHINGTON

By ED SCULLEN

Largo, Md. — A wildly cheering crowd of 4,500 roared their approval of promoter Eli Hanover's latest matchmaking efforts at the Capital Center Arena as two co-feature ten rounders plus four preliminary bouts treated the customers to the best boxing seen in Washington for several years.

The co-feature ten rounders were undoubtedly the hit of the night. In the headline main attraction middleweights Irish Mike Baker, Hillcrest Heights, Md. and Leo Saenz, Potomac, Md. engaged in a mini-war, Baker coming out on top via a unanimous decision. And in the companion ten round welterweight contest, Washington's Johnny Gant, ordinarily a master boxer but not known for his punching ability, discovered one in halting Clyde Washington, New Orleans, at 2:13 of the fifth frame.

The Baker-Saenz bout was a slam bang affair from start to finish in which the fleet-footed Baker managed to stay away from Saenz, a stand-up, wade in slugger.

Along the way, Baker (U.S. Jr. middleweight champion) landed enough shots with both hands to leave the left side of Saenz's face looking like raw hamburger. By round ten Saenz could see only out of the right eye, and despite a great show of heart, was a beaten fighter.

The win brought Baker's record to 22-4-1, while Saenz suffering his first loss ever dropped to 21-1-1. Baker weighed in at 156¼; Saenz was 155¾.

The pattern of the fight was established in round one as Baker came out fast landing from long range with lefts while Saenz preferred to come in head-on throwing and connecting with big right hands. At this point Baker appeared to take a few shots just to test the water, but when any real trouble appeared, the native of Spartanburg, S.C. merely climbed on his bicycle to avoid danger.

The pair set a torrid pace in rounds one through five. In each round Saenz scored heavily to the head and body of Baker, but at a price. Baker, for his part, found Saenz an easy target which he could hit nearly at will with a variety of slashing rights and lefts occasionally changing up with an uppercut.

But in the fifth and sixth rounds Baker began coming off his toes, putting real authority in his punches. Saenz took everything coming his way without slowing down, but these two rounds turned the fight around.

Back in the ring, Saenz pressed on, but with a rapidly swelling face and eye, finding the fast stepping Baker became that much harder. Baker danced all the more, landing punches in rounds nine and ten nearly at will, while staying out of danger.

The announced official score card: referee Joe Bunsa, 48-46; judge Harry Cecchini, 49-42; and judge Larry Barrett, 48-46, all in favor of Baker.

According to Baker's manager, Chris Cline, the stylish young middleweight has been offered several lucrative fights both in the U.S. and overseas as a result of the Saenz win.

The preceeding Gant-Washington bout scheduled for ten rounds was equally exciting but lasted only five rounds. Washington, 142¾, had already made trips to the canvas in rounds two and four and was lying nearly helpless on the ropes in the fifth when referee Tom Kelly wisely intervened. When the stoppage came, Washington appeared severely dazed.

Washington gave Gant, 144½, several sticky moments in the early going by charging in and forcing the lanky boxer to the ropes, but thistactic also was his undoing.

Four bouts scheduled for 28 rounds made up the undercard. Three of the four were halted well before time via KO's.

In an opening bout Ron Green, 136¼, Baltimore, KO'ed Billy Bell, 139, Washington, at 2:35 of the fifth round. Bell put on one of his better performances, but the younger Green landed the telling punches. Bell was cut around the eyes and in distress on the ropes when the bout was halted at 2:39 of the fifth.

Next on the card was an eight round welter contest between Keith Averett, 148, Akron, Ohio and C. J. Faison, 152½, Washington. Averett came back after being dumped on the canvas in round two to take the decision.

In another welter contest scheduled for eight, Blue Walker, Washington, came out with a two-fisted attack to KO Sonny Oliver, Akron, Ohio, at 2:14 of the first round. Oliver went down three times before the bout was stopped.

And in a windup heavyweight contest, Biff "The Terror" Cline, Hillcrest Heights, Md. KO'ed Joe Gooden, Akron, Ohio at 1:01 of the first. Cline finished things up with a workman like right hand which left Gooden stretched face down on the canvas while ten was tolled.

All in all another satisfying show, but promoter Eli Hanover would be well cautioned to take care of one minor detail. Apparently the boxers slipped and floundered at times. Perhaps more rosin should be used?

▲A late report from Winston-Salem, N.C. has it that heavyweight Biff Cline knocked out Bill Slocum in two rounds on March 8. Slocum was down five times before the contest was halted. Cline's record is now 5-0, all kayo's.

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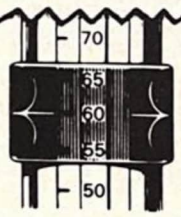

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JAMES SCOTT WINS; BOBICK WINS AND LOSES

By HANK KAPLAN

In the featured ten rounder at the Miami Beach Auditorium, the rapidly progressing James Scott, 176, Newark, New Jersey, boosted his record to 10-0-1, with a unanimous and easy nod over prime prospect Jesse Burnett, 176, San Diego, before a large crowd of Winter tourists viewing the Chris Dundee promotion.

Burnett, a hard punching and slick boxing stylist could not match the fire-power turned on by the ambitious Scott who went into the match as underdog in the betting and proved he is ready for the class of the light heavyweight division. The major difference in the battle between both contenders was the cleverness of Scott, landing the greatest number of accurate punches while Burnett appeared content to wait for openings for his right hand bombs.

In a companion scheduled ten rounder, Nani Marrero, 136½, Santo Domingo, D.R., won a rubber match from Jose Peterson, 137, San Juan, P.R., when referee Bernie Soto halted the torrid action fight in round five due to a deep cut over Peterson's right eye. Peterson claimed the laceration was caused by a butt in round four. Marrero appeared to have the edge when the contest was stopped, but Peterson was coming on strong.

In a third scheduled ten round fight, world class Dario Hidalgo, 151, Santo Domingo, connected with enough blows on the head and torso of Ray Ortiz, 152¼, San Juan, P.R., to force referee Eddie Eckert to terminate the uneven contest in round six.

In a scheduled eight rounder, the kid brother of Dario Hidalgo, at 134½, Juan Hidalgo, looked like a top lightweight prospect. He hammered Benjamin Camacho, 131, San Juan, P.R., with left hooks to the body until Camacho retired in the third. Actually, Camacho was unable to come out for the third. Hidalgo won his fourth straight since departing the amateurs.

▲Coconut Grove, Florida — Witnessed by over 2000 fans at the Flagler Kennel Club Auditorium, the Florida State Golden Glove Tournament produced the following open division champions in the final matches of the four day tourney under Director Dick Lee:

Junior Flyweight — Orlando Maldondo, 104, Puerto Rico, decisioned Henry Bryant, 104, Miami.

Flyweight — Filomeno Montalvo, 112, Puerto Rico, outpointed Bean Chavez, 112, Homestead.

Bantamweight — Fernando Rivero, 119, Puerto Rico, outscored Rupert Robinson, 118, Jamaica.

Featherweight — Carlos Calderon, 125, Puerto Rico, took a points win over Clive Ellis, 125, Jamaica.

Lightweight — Roberto Andino, 132, Puerto Rico, decisioned Clarence Robinson, 130, Jamaica.

Light welterweight — Roberto Colon, 139, Puerto Rico, one of the tourney stars, halted Ritchie Lee Roberts, 137, Miami, due to a first round cut eye.

Welterweight — Carlos Santos, 147, Puerto Rico, was voted the winner over Milton Bankston, 147, Miami.

Light middleweight — Lonnie Washington, 155, Belle Glade, Florida, outscored Charleton Bent, 151, Jamaica, for a points win.

Middleweight — Eddie Ruffin, 165, Miami, decisioned Johnny Evans, 160, Belle Glade, to capture the first Miami title.

Light heavyweight — Woody Clark, 176, Mimai, outpunched Ainsley Thompson, 170, Jamaica, to make it two in a row for the Miami team.

Heavyweight — Charle Cornett, 197, Miami, took a clear points victory over Mathew Dixon, 192, Tallahassee, Florida, to make it three in a row for the host team of Miami.

▲Miami Beach, Florida — Chris Dundee's experiences for a show at the Miami Beach Auditorium served as a classic example of the difficulties boxing promoters countrywide are sharing these days. First, his main-event had to be shifted after a big advertising expense and about 48 hours before showtime, then his undercard fell apart. But with the standby Moe Fliescher, who used all his resources, the show was welded together and turned out quite pleasing to all concerned.

Substituting for G.G. Maldonado of Paterson, New Jersey, was Jodie Ballard, 202, an unheralded heavyweight from Texas, who proved a tartar for Rodney Bobick, 227½, Bowlus, Minnesota. Over 1500 fans expected Ballard to exit early but the Pete Ashlock guided Texan from Houston proved to be a cunning operator on the Archie Moore style. He constantly beat Bobick to the punch with jabs and hooks and even displayed a double right hook on occasions. The invader used excellent footwork to evade the larger man and his usual right hand power. The decision in favor of Ballard was unanimous and probably ranks with the great upsets of all time at this arena.

In a scheduled 10 rounder, John L. Johnson, 208, Tampa, threw a straight right at O. T. Davies, 197, Fort Lauderdale, which had devastating effect in the second round. Davies ran into the punch which decked him but was able to beat the count. He arose on rubbery legs and lacked balance to support himself. The referee lost little time in halting the action. This was the rubber match between the two.

In a scheduled six-rounder, comebacking Tommy Torino, 157, Hollywood, Florida, looked a bit stale but still had enough to score a 6th round TKO over veteran Roscoe Bell, 152, Cocoa. After a three year absence from the ring, Tommy showed a lot of his old skill but his timing was off.

In a scheduled 4 rounder, Roger Pinkney, 190, Fort Lauderdale, knocked out Richard Butterworth, 196, Fort Lauderdale, in the second round with a hard right hand to the jaw.

▲Miami Highlights — Busy Angelo Dundee was as busy as a Beaver this past period handling Rodney Bobick, Vinnie Curto in New Orleans against Tony Licata, Jimmy Ellis in a losing effort against Joe Frazier in Melbourne, Australia and still found time to guide the Muhammad Ali training regimen for the Chuck Wepner defense in Cleveland.

Currently based in Miami Beach, Rodney Bobick, brother of former Olympian Duane Bobick, scored a third round KO over Terry Krueger of San Antonio, at Rochester, Minn. Miami's Ernie Burns, middleweight, now handled by Clay Teppenpaw, pulled one out of the fire as he stopped the rapid climbing Glen Morgan, protege of Lou Viscusi, as an eye cut forced a halt in the action in round six at Orlando, Florida. Morgan had rolled up 14 straight via the Knockout route before running into this unlucky meeting which showed him a clear winner on points at termination of the contest. This bout took place previous to Bobick's upset defeat by Ballard.

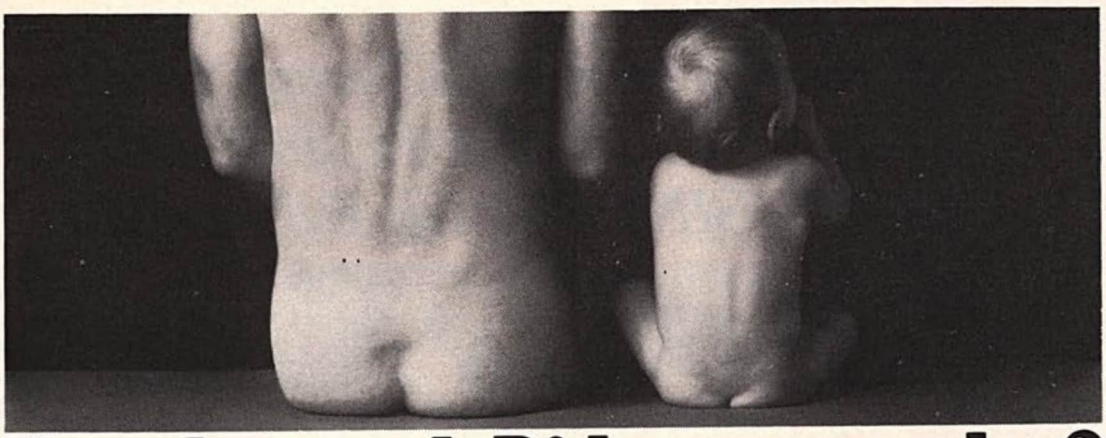
O. T. Davies, Fort Lauderdale heavyweight gaining in popularity with Miami Beach fans, is a former Gold Glove and AAU champion who participated in Nevada boxing tourneys while working with the Job Corps there. Recently he pulled off a surprise win as he stopped John L. Johnson while showing improved punching power.

Elisha Obed, Bahamian junior middleweight under the aegis of Mike Dundee, continued his winning form as he scored his 58 career victory with a 10th round KO of Manuel Elizondo at Tucson, Arizona. Obed, rapidly moving in the direction of the leading challenger's spot for the World crown, appears unbeatable in Tucson as he has achieved four consecutive wins in that city over formidable opponents like Paco Flores, Johnny Rico, Renato Garcia and Manuel Elizondo. Moe Fliescher, Obed's trainer, claims his charge is ready for the top ranked of his division.

Visiting locally to attend the Veteran Boxer's Association of South Florida banquet installing Hank Kaplan as President, is former lightweight title contender, Solly Seeman, who in 1925 got off the deck to win a 15 round elimination tourney battle against Charlie O'Connell as part of a series of battles designed to choose the new claimant of Benny Leonard's abdicated throne. Devoted to VBA activity, Solly plans to visit with many former ring-mates of this area while soaking up the Miami sun.

Chappie Roberts, remembered for all the top line fighters he used to handle in the Miami area, and also for his scrappy flyweight battles in Philadelphia and New Jersey rings, is recuperating at a rapid pace from a recent hospital siege.

Visiting recently for vacation and sun was the undefeated middleweight from the New Jersey area, Mike Rossman who recently rung up his 21st victory with a second win over Matt



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Donovan. With him was his trainer Jimmy DiPiano and advisor Syd Peskin. Good looking Mike made a lot of friends while here raising speculation promoter Chris Dundee may be seeking a future opponent for him at the Miami Beach Auditorium. No doubt the boxer-puncher Rossman would draw well here.

The Miami area has produced its share of good prospects in recent years but Juan Hidalgo, lightweight originally from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, appears one of the most promising. A former amateur star of the local area, Juan has now racked up four consecutive wins over tough opposition for an underling. Juan boxes in cool style, has a good left jab and punches with power and precision with either hand. He has the control of a more experienced boxer and performs like a fighter about to make a rapid progress. He coordinates his assets well and attacks with versatility. Dario Hidalgo, is his older brother.

One of the most successful Florida State Golden Glove tourneys in the history of Florida boxing took place at the Flagler Kennel Club and was marked by a team victory for the Puerto Rican group of entrees, as they captured seven of eleven open division bouts. Though Miamians Ritchie Lee Roberts and Milton Bankston fought their way to the finals, only their teammates Eddie Ruffin, Woody Clark and Charles Cornett gained final championships. The eleven champs will now go to the National Tournament at Knoxville, Tennessee, with Dick Lee, Director of the Florida State Tournament, guiding the group.

In the first amateur show following the Golden Glove tourney, Champion Charles Cornett, posted a first round kayo win over Wellington Miller, in a heavyweight duel held at the Elizabeth Virrick Gym in Coconut Grove. Miller is a 195 pounder from Nassau, Bah.

KANAZAWA FAILS KASHIWABA SUCCEEDS

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

In Korea, Hideo Kanazawa failed to defend his junior middleweight title for the ninth time. He was knocked out by Jae-Keun Yim, Korean titlist, in the third session of a scheduled 12 rounder. A one-sided affair was halted, after the Japanese hit the deck thrice.

▲In Agana, Guam, Morito Kashiwaba won the OBF's lightweight crown, beating Fred Pastor, Filipino, in 12 heats. After Guts Ishimatsu relinquished the title to the Federation, Pastor seized it in an eliminator. His first defense was unsuccessful. Royal Kobayashi, unbeaten feather hope, continued his winning streak with a kayo over Masanao Toyoshima in 6 rounds. It was Kobayashi's 13th knockout in 15 wins since the ex-Olympian turned pro two years ago.

▲Pusan, Korea witnessed Japan's Hideo Kanazawa stopped in lopsided three rounds of a scheduled 12 round title go. A winner was Jai-Keun Yim, who became the Orient junior middleweight ruler before 2500 spectators. Yim sent the Japanese to the deck twice in the second. A clean kayo came in 37 seconds of the third when the Korean dropped Kanazawa down and out with a flurry of punches. Kanazawa, who suffered three KO losses in succession failed to retain his title for the ninth time. He is said to hang up gloves after the return to Japan.

▲News from Guam reported that Japanese Morito Kashiwaba copped the Orient lightweight crown with a decision from Fred Pastor, P.I., in 12 heats. Morito weighed 135, while the defending champ was 134½. The Japanese retired from action years ago, but returned last year to score three consecutive kayos. He had been a national ruler of the 130-pound class. Morito whipped the Filipino with a strong left, piling up points steadily. Pastor was a game guy who fought back hard with a two-fisted attack midway in the contest. After their see-saw proceedings Morito had his opponent close to a kayo with wicked left shots. A split duke went to the scrappy Japanese, as two of the officials saw the gruelling affair 57-55, 57-53 (for Kashiwaba) and one had it 54-57 (for Pastor).

▲Originally scheduled to meet unbeaten Korean leader Ho-Sun Mun, Royal Kobayashi engaged in a tenner with a more dangerous opponent, Masanao Toyoshima, 126. The latter dropped Danny Lopez with a right before he was finished in Los Angeles last year. Kobayashi, 128, calmly chased the substitute hombre with a looping left. Kobayashi took two rounds and lost one before it happened. Kobayashi's strong lefts toppled Masa often, and one straight right to the button sent the victim to dreamland. The winner registered the 13th knockout in 15 wins against no defeats.

▲19-year-old Ho-Yong Oh, Korea's lightweight ruler, surprised the estimated 1500 customers with his power, finishing Arab Suga in five furious rounds. The card took place at Korakuen Hall and was televised. From the start it was a lopsided affair. Oh had the local favorite on the deck with vicious lefts and rights in the second and third. A kayo came in 2:43 of the fifth, when the sturdy Korean sent Suga to the floor twice. Immediately the third man declared a halt to save Suga from further punishment. Oh who scored his 11th KO in a 16-3-3 record weighed in at 138, while the JBC's top contender, 136 pounds.

▲Ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide which would have a shot at the world title of the 118-pound class, a good card drew a well-packed 3000 crowd in Nagoya. Filipino Socrates Batoto, 118½, proved too much for Beaver Kajimoto, Japanese puncher at 117½ pounds, in 10 shutout rounds. Batoto outpunched the game mixer all the way, decking him for a compulsory eight count in the sixth. An uppercut was sharp enough to make Kajimoto a KO victim, if the bell hadn't saved him in the sixth round. Batoto, ex-Orient flyweight leader who outgrew the class, was still unbeaten in Japan, following his previous kayo defense of Kenichi Shimozato last year.

▲An upset result was reported from Thailand. Rated Lion Furuyama, national junior welter titlist, suffered an unexpected TKO by Saengsak Muangsurin in the seventh of an overweight go in Bangkok. Ref Enrique Jimenez from the P.I. halted the contest, when the Thai nailed Furuyama against the ropes with a continual attack. Up to the stoppage Thai judges saw it even 28-28, with Jimenez 30-28 for Saengask. Lion's loss caused a sensation in Japan, for he had been thought unmatched in the Orient.

Last year Furuyama lost a controversial decision to Pedro Fernandez in a WBC eliminator, in which Bruno Arcari took the Japanese for a winner.

▲Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium saw Waringe Nakayama, Kenya's ex-Olympic silver medalist now living in Nippon, finish Kwang-Won Lee at the end of the seventh round. The winner made fine use of his left hand, whipping the Korean almost at will. Nakayama weighed at 125 to the victim's 120½ pounds.

▲A final of All-Japanese Shinjin-o tournament happened before 2000 fans at Korakuen Hall. It had been competed in by all national 4-rounders since last summer in the West and East Japan districts. Among those who passed this annual 'Gate of Rookie' were Fighting Harada, Hiroshi Kobayashi, Kuniaki Shibata and Koichi Wajima. This year the ambitious boys from the East won in all the classes.

Flyweight: Koichi Maki decisioned Masazuki Higa in six. Bantamweight: Shigemi Akiba stopped Susumu Wakabayashi in four sharp rounds to be awarded the Best Shinjin-o Honor. Junior featherweight: Eiji Shimamura was a kayo winner from Masahiro Kawata in three. Featherweight: Shigeyoshi Adachi outscored Hideki Kujo in six. Junior lightweight: Hirobumi Mochizuki halted Matsumi Inoue in five. Lightweight: Koichi Fukuda had little difficulty in stopping Hiromi Ohshima in only 34 seconds of the opening session. Junior welterweight: KO Kasahara won from Akio Seki in six. Welterweight: Sumio Kai polished off Tadashi Nishimura in one. Middleweight: Yuichiro Watanabe proved his superior power by demolishing Noboru Sugiyasu in three.

According to the clause of the Japan Boxing Association (not JBC) which consists of managers and promoters, the winners are to meet the JBC rankers soon.

Just after Koichi Wajima recaptured the world junior middleweight title from Oscar Alvarado, the WBC announced their intention of stripping him of the championship. The council said that Wajima had ignored the order to fight the winner between Jose Duran of Spain and Miguel de Oliveira of Brazil.

▲Bangkok witnessed Venice Borkorsor, rated bantamweight, retained the Orient champion of the class, scoring a gory kayo over Soo-Kwan Bok, Korea, in the ninth round of a scheduled 12-round title bout.

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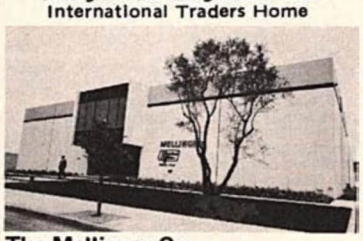

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OLD BROADWAY

(Continued from page 43)

Thanks to the efforts of the two chairmen, Mickey Oliver and Tony Marengo, it was a fine event. Berlenbach knew Ring #21 was tossing the party but they kept it a secret about it being in his honor. Members came from New Jersey; Charley Spina, president of Ring 14, and associate members from Staten Island.

There was no dais. At the head table were ex-bantam king Lou Salica and his Grace, Markowitz and his Tillie, Sammy Venti and Dolores and Berlenbach. The gang was scattered around the room at a long table and all really went to town.

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Berlenbach, speaking of all the scraps he had with the best of the big fellows, recalled one that stands out. His memorable setto with Hambone Kelly, dynamiter from Boston, when they clashed at Fenway Park, in the Hub. "That fellow was a real killer. What a puncher. Had me on the canvas four times but I finally caught up with him in the sixth round and was very happy when I put him down for the count. I'll never forget Hambone," the Astoria Assassin recalled.

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Don't forget the appointment by N.Y. Comm. Edwin Dooley of two new members of the judging fraternity. Both are females. One is Carol Castellano, whose husband, Tony, has been one of our best officials. The other appointee is Eve Shain. First member of the female sex appointed a few months back was Carol Polis, of Philadelphia. Incidentally, Carol Cestellano has been judging fights from a ringside seat for years and should be well qualified. Anyhow, there are three female judges now licensed by the State Athletic Commission.

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Mickey Kid Wagner, cousin of Phil Sarubi, New York Boxing Commission Inspector, holds a unique record. His entire boxing career came in the days of bootleg boxing when he appeared in bouts in Albany, Syracuse, Kingston and other N.Y. State locales, as well as down south in the Carolinas. As a matter of fact, Mickey was a first cousin to Joe Wagner, who managed little Jack Sharkey, a great bantam. Now 72 years old, Mickey, married, he and wife Frances having one son, who has three offspring of his own, is now retired as a contruction rigger supervisor. Member of Ring #21, now working with Petey Hayes, who is sponsoring a new gymnasium in Brooklyn.

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'Ossie' Feldman, who wanted to be a boxer but settled for being close to many of our stars and wound up, aside from his business, being a member of the State Athletic Commission's Inspector's staff, is one who recalls great events in boxing of the past. He came up with a beauty. That Leonard DelGenio, lightweight managed by the late Sammy Goldman, scored a world's record of seven knockouts in a Golden Glove tournament in 1933. Ossie also recalls a great Golden Glove show in 1934, with the following lineup — Richie LiBrandi, flyweight; Davey Crawford, bantam; Louis Camps, featherweight; Frankie Williams, lightweight; Andre Jessurun, welter; Mark Hough, Gus Lesnevich and Melo Bettina, middles; and Bob Pastor, heavyweight. Many went on to heights, especially Lesnevich, who became world light heavyweight king, and Bob Pastor, who battled Joe Louis for the heavyweight crown in Detroit's Navin Field, for eleven rounds.

FRANKIE GONZALEZ LOSES TO NICK ORTIZ IN TWO

By WALDEMAN RIVERA

Puerto Rico — Nick Ortiz TKOed Frankie Gonzalez in the 2nd round. The same happened in another scheduled 10 rounder as Sandy Torres stopped Diablillo Trinidad at 1:05 of the 2nd round.

Featherweight Luis Davila won a unanimous decision over Manuel de Jesus.

Hector Figueroa TKOed Miguel Perez in the 1st round. Carlos Soto TKOed Amado Pinet in the 8th round.

▲**In a later show,** Frankie Benitez, junior welter, TKOed Moncho Montes in the 9th round.

Wilfredo Benitez TKOed Fransisco Rodriguez in the 7th round.

Nick Ortiz TKOed Juan Serrano in the 3rd round (150 lbs.). Francisco Cruz beat Felito Pena by disqualification.

▲Carlos Soto put on one of the best shows of the night with a 1st round knockout over Victor Serrano. This preliminary bout was scheduled for 4 rounds.

Hector Figueroa and Sancho Herandez bombed each other for six rounds. It ended in a draw.

Upcoming welterweight Wilfredo Benitez once again proved that he is ready for stronger competition when he knocked out Santiago Rosas at 1:21 of the 4th round.

Benitez dropped Rosas with a hard right to the jaw, on his way to the canvas we could see the expression of pain on Rosas' face. By beating Rosas, who on a previous fight proved that he could take a punch, Benitez is on line to face stronger opponents.

In another scheduled ten rounder, Francisco "Electrico" Cruz took a unanimous decision over Pedro Jose Diaz. Cruz' slow rhythm and conservative "methods" made this fight a dull one.

Francisco Villegas, U.S. bantamweight champion, did not fight as one would expect from a national titlist on the way to earn the unanimous decision over Felix Figueroa.

Frankie Benitez won an easy fight over Winston Noel. The scheduled 10 rounder was halted at 1:20 of the second when Frankie had his opponents at his mercy.

BUSCEME DECISIONS TURNER AT BEAUMONT

By C. A. JACKSON

Local lightweight James "Bubba" Busceme raised his pro record to 9-0 with a hard fought unanimous decision over Robert Turner of Wichita Falls.

Busceme seemed troubled at times by Turner's large advantage in reach and height, but his quick feet and left hand body shots led to his victory. Busceme weighed in at 134, Turner tipped the scales at 137½.

In the semi-main event, Sammy Rookard of Washington, D.C., stopped Efren Gonzales of Dallas at 2:59 of the fourth round in a welterweight tussle.

Tom Pinner of Newton won a six-round duke over "Chief" Otis Lockleer of St. Paul, North Carolina in a junior welter bout.

In a pair of heavyweight sixes, Pete Chianchiano of San Antonio, stopped Curtis Whitner, of Shelby, N.C. in the second round. Clay "Sandman" Parker, Cesar, N.C., won on a fifth round TKO over Beaumont favorite Vernon Johnston.

The four round lid-lifter, Harvey Arnold, Dallas, stopped Fred Blanchard of Spartanburg, S.C. at the 1:50 mark of the first round of a lightweight match.

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FLORIDA BOXING IS BOOMING

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

ORLANDO, FLA. — Promoter Pete Ashlock's second show of the year featured an upset in all five pro bouts.

In the scheduled 10-round "Fight of the Week" at Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium, hard hitting Ernie Burns, 159, Miami, recovered from a second round knockdown to halt previously undefeated Glenn Morgan, 160, of Tampa and Minneapolis, at 2:28 of the sixth round before 1100 screaming fans.

Burns took a savage beating during the early going, but endured the heavy punishment dealt out by Morgan, and midway through round five, Burns began turning the tide. His body punching and occasional flurries to the head not only tired Morgan, but they opened a bad cut over Glenn's left eye. Cornermen Joe Brady and Lou Viscusi worked feverishly on the cut between rounds, but it was a deep gash in a dangerous position, and referee Gen. David Hanlon had no recourse but to intervene during the sixth.

Morgan, a big local favorite, had won his first 13 fights by knockout.

In the semifinal 10-rounder, huge Irish Bob Scott, 221, Miami, was unable to catch elusive Clint (The Shadow) Walker, 191, Orlando, with a clean, flush shot during the entire 30 minutes of their hotly contested scrap, and Walker was able to score a surprising unanimous decision. Scott stalked and swung haymakers all night, but Walker managed to escape from harm's way almost every time, all the while popping in his own rights and lefts unrelentingly.

Edgar Ross, 161, Orlando, caught a tarter in debuting Charlie Grimmett, 161, Miami, and was upset over six-rounds in a grueling battle. Ross is very popular here, but Grimmett drew the rave notices after his surprising win.

Cefus Bowe, 158, Nassau, turned pro with an unexpected four-round win over Mike Feldman, 156, Miami. Feldman, a Jewish middleweight, had previously fought as Mike Moracz with a 1-1 record, but suffered a broken jaw as Feldman.

The opener saw Wild Willie Chaney, 156, Tampa, open a severe cut over the left eye of Henry (Tiger) Hall, 158, Sarasota, and gain a TKO win at 0:58 seconds of round 1. Amateurs opened the show.

▲Fernandina Beach — In another shocker, Wayne Battle, 144, Orlando, took the measure of Larry Peterson, 142, Jacksonville, in the 10-round main event of a pro-am card here. Peterson, the brother-in-law of Jax middleweight Dennis Riggs, was heavily favored against his original foe, one Jesse Wilcott of Eustis, but Wilcott pulled out and manager Solomon McTier replaced him with Battle. Still, Larry figured to lick Battle, but despite a seventh-round knockdown, Peterson lost the narrow decision.

▲Eustis — The old warhorse, Solomon McTier, 224, returned to the ring for one of his last appearances and stopped Bowie Adams, 256, Ocala, in 6. At age 44, the amazing McTier keeps right on rolling. He sparred for a week with Earnie Shavers at the Orlando Sports Stadium, and then had no trouble with former victim Adams, whose once fine record has seriously deteriorated.

▲Orlando — Streaking Irish Gene Wells, the most active middleweight in the world, won his seventh straight fight by pounding out a lopsided decision in 10 over game but outclassed Woodie Starr, 157, Bahamas.

Wells, whose only defeat in his last 14 outings was a narrow decision to top rated Tony Licata, recorded his third local win. Gene weighed 160 and had things all his own way as he bounced punches off the seemingly indestructible Starr's head every round, to no avail. Woodie, in turn, kept pounding Wells to the body, so lots of punches were thrown in promoter Pete Ashlock's "Fight of the Week", but no real damage was done.

The 10-round semi-final saw high flying Victor "Taco" Perez of Orlando and Tim Ford of Jacksonville battle it out down the wire, only to have it end in a draw at the welterweight limit. Judge Lee Geiger had it 97-95 Perez, the same as judge Mick Andrews had it for Ford. The third official, Bob Burns, had it 96-96. While it was a good fight, a rematch is not likely since Perez had trouble making 147, and announced he will compete henceforth at 152-156 pounds.

Bahamian middleweight champ Rennie Pinder finally needed a referee in his six-rounder with Nathaniel Gates, 176, Sarasota. Pinder, who weighed 167, had a 22-4 record going into the match, with every fight ending in a kayo one way or the other, but despite chasing Clyde Fussell's prospect all around the ring in a fierce battle, Pinder could not put over the big one and had to settle for the decision.

Killer Ellis, 159, Orlando won his second straight with a four-round verdict over Cefus Bowe, 157, Nassau, Bahamas. Ellis is a pleasing left hooker, while Bowe is out of the Bahamian stable of Marty Goldstein, Pat Currey, and Clay Teppenpaw. In the opener, Wild Willie Chaney, 156, Tampa, punched out a pleasing decision over debuting Sippie Jenkins, 158, Orlando. It was Chaney's second local win in two weeks.

Scott Clark, 16-year-old local welterweight, gave away 13 years to courageous Lee Larson but got the nod in an all-Orlando amateur opener.

▲Tampa — A fine local matchup pitted Walter (Snake) White against Joe (King) Roman at 180 pounds, with a scheduled 11-round (that's right, eleven) distance.

White, coming off a lengthy layoff, wanted a 10, Roman demanded a 12, so promoter Joe Brady compromised and the match was made. In a dirty, bloody battle, Roman finally ended up with a highly disputed split decision win.

Roman was cut in round seven by White's persistent butting, and although the bleeding was controlled by Lou Gross and Bill Daly, the King fought like an enraged bull the rest of the way. He chased the more agile White around the ring as the fans cheered wildly, but the Snake was punching back and scoring points, and most people felt he might have nipped his Puerto Rican archrival.

Both went into the fight with 9-1 records in Tampa. Roman was coming off a loss in January here to Mike Quarry, who ironically was the victim of Joe's persistent butting. The Curtis Hixon Hall crowd won't be happy until promoter Brady rematches Roman and White.

The 10-rounder co-feature saw J.T.Dowe, 147, Tampa, a vaunted left hooker, nail Efren Gonzalez, 148, Dallas (protege of ex-welter champ Curtis Cokes) with a surprise right hand and flatten his Chicano rival early in the fourth round for the full count.

Leon Shaw, 220, Jacksonville, outmuscled Larry Renaud, 205, Tampa to win an eight-round decision in a slow fight. Killer Ellis, 158, Orlando, beat on Wild Willie Chaney, 157, Tampa, with his left hook until the local boy succumbed in 2. Killer is now 3-0.

▲Orlando — The "Fight of the Week" moved downtown from the Orlando Sports Stadium to the American Legion Arena, due to prior commitments at the usual site. It was the first card here in two weeks, due to a Harlem Globetrotters engagement on the March 6 date.

Irish Gene Wells, 162, Orlando, won his eighth straight by whipping Rocky Halliday, 163, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in a bloody 10-rounder. The two went at it from the opening bell, the cool and collected Wells picking his shots and outboxing his free-swing opponent during the first few sessions. But a wild right by Halliday and an accidental butt immediately afterward opened a cut over Gene's right eye in the fifth round. Second later, Wells reeled off a beautiful six-punch combination and tore open a pair of cuts over both of Halliday's eyes, and by the end of the round, both were covered with blood.

Referee Gen. David Hanlon went to both corners to see if it should be stopped, along with Dr. Robert Geldner, as the fans stood begging both men to be allowed to continue. Their wishes were granted, and both men answered the bell for round six.

Bill Watkins, the cut man extrordinaire employed by Pete Ashlock, did his job in his usual fine style, and Wells was not troubled again by his damaged eyebrow. Halliday had manager Buddy Rush and Solomon McTier, the aging heavyweight, working on both his cuts and on a battered nose which later proved to be broken, and he was kept in the fight by their efforts and by his own great heart.

Wells hit Halliday so often that he hurt his hands, as he had three weeks earlier against Woodie Starr. Both men received a standing ovation at the conclusion, which saw Gene win unanimously to improve his overall record to 34-4-3.

Edgar Ross, 163, Orlando, regained his winning touch with a fifth-round TKO over city rival Killer Ellis, 158, in the semifinal. It, too, was a bitter struggle, but Ross took Killer's best, then came on with a little something extra and the ref stopped it at the 1:18 mark.

Larry Peterson, 141, Jacksonville, fought toe-to-toe with Eddie Walker, 144, Mount Dora, before finally landing a clean right across to the chin and stopping Walker at 1:39 of the fourth round. Peterson is clammoring for a shot at unbeaten Termite Watkins, the sensational Houston product who is 12-0. Peterson rose to 11-2-1.

Joey Vincent, 157, Orlando, returned to the ring after an eight-month layoff due to an auto injury, and got the third standing ovation of the evening for his kayo at 2:31 of the fourth round over Wild Willie Chaney, 156, Tampa. Chaney was on his feet but badly hurt when the ref intervened. Three amateur bouts opened the show.

▲St. Augustine — In the only pro bout, Dennis Riggs, 164, Jacksonville, got off the floor in the third round to stop Buddy Cooper, 165, St. Augustine, in 6. Cooper, at age 38, wanted the fight and drew a near sellout of some 1300 fans for the card, but Riggs was too sharp and too young.

▲Tampa — John Pinney and Dennis Riggs, both 160, went at it over 12 rounds for the Southern middleweight title. Pinney, a Tampa favorite out of Springfield, Mo., had whipped Riggs eleven months earlier in this same Ft. Hesterly Armory ring, and this was a repeat of that dirty, action packed club fight.

Riggs was cut in the second round above his scalpline, and it bled freely the rest of the way. Dennis nailed Pinney with frequent straight rights in the early going, including one that had Pinney heading for the canvas, had not the ring ropes intervened. It was nip and tuck all the way, with both men bringing a large contingent of supporters, but when it was over, Riggs had again been adjudged a narrow loser.

Promoter Joe Brady's undercard was not quite able to match the wild main event, but Joe gave the fans a good show nonetheless.

Tim Ford, 150, Jacksonville, bested Eddie Davis, 153, Tampa, in a fast paced eight-rounder. Nathaniel Gates, 176, Sarasota, Hooked it on with rough Irish Mike McKinney, 176, Tampa, and finally battered Mike into a fifth-round TKO defeat. Lorenzo (Peaches) Roberts, 150, Tampa, bested Irving Gifford, 149, Orlando, in four.

▲Brunswick, Ga. — Nathaniel Gates, 175, Sarasota, Fla., outpointed local favorite George (Babe) Clark, 175, in the eight-round pro feature. It was Clark's first loss after two earlier wins, while Gates' manager, Clyde Fussell, scored an amateur win in a heavyweight scrap on the undercard. Promoter Genoa Martin's second card of the year at Selden Park was a success in every way.

▲Florida Notes — While fistic activity is slow in many parts of the country, Florida is busy. Orlando and Tampa has run regularly, as has Miami Beach. Additionally, Fernandina Beach, Daytona Beach, St. Augustine and Eustis have hosted pro fights, and Brunswick, Georgia (an hour north of Jacksonville) also. The crowds have been decent, nothing great, but every promoter in those towns has given his fans excellent shows, and there are no indications that things will slow down.

Chris Dundee's Miami Beach Club is in its 24th year, while Pete Ashlock's in his seventh of promoting in Orlando (not to mention his cards in Houston, Albuquerque along with Paul Chavez, and Corpus Christi with Jack Irwin). Joe Brady is the boss in Tampa, while the outlying spots are primarily pro-am cards which give all their local fighters, paid punchers and simon pures, much needed work.

PRETORIA PUT ON MAP IN BIG WAY

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had ignored. It took more than a year to perfect that jab. Then I developed his right hand until he was hitting with all his power behind it."

Dirk van der Westhuizen needed a complete overhaul. "He had been with so many managers and trainers before he joined me," says Billy. "He didn't know whether he should fight orthodox or southpaw, which he is. A real mixed-up kid. And so unfit, he couldn't spar a round without panting."

Lotter gave Dirk stamina and a workmanlike style, and got his reward when Dirk outpointed Ronnie du Preez last year to take the junior welterweight title.

"As for Gert Craemer," says Billy, "he always had the makings of a capable boxer. His trouble was his all-action style. He liked to bore in, connected with one blow out of five and left himself wide open. I had to slow him down, teach him to pick his punches, and fight on the retreat when that was the best tactic."

So Lotter changed Craemer from a reckless scrapper into a clever boxer, and the transformation won Pretoria another title.

In one respect, Lotter treats all his boys the same way. He makes them sweat. "For me, roadwork is as vital as gym work. I take the boxers out at five o'clock every weekday morning and jog with them till six.

"The route takes us up Jenkins Drive, the steepest hill in Pretoria. A real calf-muscle-builder, that is. Jimmy Richards got fit in one month, puffing up that climb."

Lotter took over the managing of his fighters from Reg Higgs when Higgs turned promoter last year. And while Billy has handled the boxing side, Higgs has been proving that the fight game can pay in the capital.

He has an arrangement with Lotter whereby he has first call on Billy's boxers. "That's only fair, I think," says Higgs. "I managed Richards, van der Westhuizen and Craemer while they were developing into championship material. I felt I should have first option on them as a promoter and Bill agreed."

Put Higgs and Lotter side by side, get them joking together, and you have the Abbott and Costello of the South African boxing world. Lotter started boxing as a welterweight and gradually stepped up to the heavy division, winning three national titles along the way. Higgs commenced fighting as a welter and finished up in the bantams.

They both had weight problems. Lotter couldn't get it off, Higgs couldn't put it on. But in the backroom business of putting scrappers on the right road, they've both proved to be very able heavyweights.

READ THE RING AND RING WRESTLING

WALTER IS NO NAME FOR A CHAMP

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N.Y.S. pressing record at 335 pounds.

The glory of winning these amateur competitions, however, did not put food on the table for his wife and daughter. Unlike the Europeans, American amateurs must work another job while competing unless, of course, they are inherently wealthy which was not the case with Elson. Ray had to work 7 long hard hours each day before coming to the gym for another 4 grueling hours of working out, sometimes lifting as much as 45 tons in one evening. Abandoning his hopes of entering the '72 Olympic trials, Elson walked into the gym one day without taking the usual 2 No-Doz he calls "one hundred cups of coffee in a pill" and had a realization—"I saw guys pushing weights and pulling weights and for what—to feed their egos—I gotta get out of this."

In 1971 Elson left weight lifting. He left with many medals, trophies and other "dust collectors" but most important was the discipline, power and concentration, all which eased his transition into boxing. Competition flowed through his veins, he loved competing and even more he loved winning, but this time he wanted to be compensated.

Ray felt speed, strength and determination was what he had going for him. He was always good at football but to play professionally he'd have to prove himself against men who had four years college experience over him. Baseball didn't seem athletic enough and he was too short for basketball. That left boxing—the competition was there and so was the money, he thought.

It was in September of '71 when Elson got his first taste of fighting. After 6 weeks of working out in front of a mirror, going over the basics, he was put in the ring with Flood's middleweight Bobby O'Brien. Elson recalls being "one hell of a street fighter" but after going just one round with O'Brien and getting his "head kicked in" he quickly learned to respect the ring. Ray was back the next day for more of the same and the day after that until finally he was ready for the Gloves.

The Gloves gave Elson his first taste of what it was to lose. After knocking out the two toughest guys in his division he entered the semi-finals with an injured arm and lost by a decision—only one point! After the loss Elson swore that he'd never walk back to the dressing room saying "if only I had done this or that. . .If anyone's going to beat me it's because he's a better fighter—not because I didn't try hard enough—even if my arm is hanging off, I have to keep punching—that's the name of the game."

In 1972 Elson left his $330 a week construction job to turn pro. He had since been separated from his wife and had only one responsibility—to himself and to his professional career. He decided to devote all of his time towards developing his skills as a fighter. To Elson boxing is an art and like any art must continuously be perfected. Perfection comes with hard training and experience and that is why Ray looks at going to the gym each day as going to school. "When you've stopped learning it's time to quit." Training is a full-time job says Elson—"a boxer always has to keep in shape." Each morning Ray is up at the crack of dawn doing his road work—4 to 8 miles in the park. "I'll have plenty of time for partying when I'm through fighting. . .My clean living will pay off in the end."

Elson, a real crowd pleaser, is never out of shape. As he removes his white satin robe, the smooth skin pulled so tight over his Herculean stature almost glows under the lights. "Everybody loves me" he says jokingly with his long curly hair he combs in an "afro"—"Jews think I'm Jewish, Puerto Ricans think I'm a P.R. and black people think I'm an albino." Although it is stylish to be ethnic these days Elson claims he's part Lithuanian and part Fin.

He's an intelligent boxer, always on top of his opponent, carefully executing each punch, picking them apart with his powerful body punches taking the heart out of them. Elson's most impressive fight was against Binghamton's home town favorite Tommy Hicks. Ray always in control, took his time, picking Hick's jab coming back with left hooks to the body then right's to the head. Back in the dressing room Hicks, former light heavyweight contender, admitted he'd never been hit so hard in all his career of boxing. It's no wonder that here in N.Y. columnists call him "Bearcat Elson". Whether it's Walter, Bearcat or Ray J., Elson has a terrific future ahead of him—and what's in a name anyway!

NORTON VICTOR IN 1:34 OF ONE

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City — When a ten round main event only lasts until 1:34 of the first round, you can generally expect the fans to be a little upset. Especially when ringside tickets cost $10 each.

But, that wasn't the case here in Oklahoma City recently when 6th ranked heavyweight Kenny Norton stopped veteran trial horse Reco Brooks of Phoenix in the above mentioned time.

In fact, many of the fans gave Kenny a good, hard, cheer and felt satisfied just to see the man who broke Muhammad Ali's jaw.

But the only one in the Red Carpet Inn that seemed very upset with the shortness of the bout was Norton himself. Norton said he wished the fight had gone longer.

"I have a tough fight coming up on the Ali-Wepner card," he said. "I haven't fought since I stopped Boone Kirkman in June. I need a few rounds to get me ready."

As far as the actual fight went, there wasn't much to it. Norton, 224, attacked Brooks, 215, from the outset, belaboring him with hard lefts and rights to the body. Then, with about a minute gone, Norton switched to the head and suddenly whipped in a left-right that dropped Brooks for the count.

In the ten round co-main event, North American jr. middleweight champion, Tony Gardner, 152, of Oklahoma City stopped light heavyweight Ronnie Chicon of Copan, Oklahoma in six.

It had been the third time Gardner stopped the gutsy 167 pounder. Chicon had been crying for a rematch because he felt he was robbed in the first meeting and caught with a lucky punch in the second.

But this time, there was no need for Chicon to holler. Gardner gave him a severe beating, dropping him in the second round, fourth round, and three times in the sixth to gain the TKO verdict.

In two other fights, Ned Hallacy, 175, of Wichita stopped veteran heavyweight Clyde Brown, 215, of Memphis in three and up and coming featherweight Sean O'Grady disposed of Chicago's James Word in one.

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▲**Oklahoma City** — Light heavyweight Ned Hallacy, 173, of Wichita had little trouble stopping Louisiana light heavyweight champion Grover Robinson in two rounds at the Red Carpet Inn.

Hallacy dropped Robinson, 173, of Bastrop, La. early in the first with a strong left hook to the body and, after Robinson made it up at eight, proceeded to give the Louisiana fighter a boxing lesson.

Robinson tried to fight back in the second but Hallacy kept his cool under fire and set Robinson up for the coup de grace.

BUSCEME OUTFIGHTS TORRES IN BEAUMONT BATTLE

By HARLAN HAAS

It's going to take a helluva fighter to whip James (Bubba) Busceme. The writer made the trip to Beaumont's beautiful Red Carpet Inn where Perry Payne runs a super fantastic boxing promotion, and saw the Busceme-Rito Torres get together.

Bubba, a four time National Golden Glove champion and 1972 U.S. Olympic representative, was in command from the beginning and kept the aggressive Torres at bay with a razor sharp right jab (yes, Bubba's a lefty). Bubba made every punch count—he keeps cool and with fine hand speed plus great reflexes he will go a long way.

Bubba backed towards a corner in the third. Torres took the bait and moved in aggressively. Bubba stepped back with the left foot and quickly whipped across a right hook that traveled a scant six inches to the exposed jaw of the visiting Latin, who toppled to the deck as if his legs had been cut from under him with a sickle.

Torres grasped hold of the ropes and pulled himself half erect at nine and then pitched forward on his face. Out like the proverbial light. Adios muchacho.

Busceme from Beaumont weighed 130, Torres who had been in with Jimmy Heair and James Martinez among many others, weighed 133. A jam-packed, standing room only crowd of over 1,000 witnessed the show.

In a hard fought and closely contested eight rounder Tom Pinner, 140, Beaumont, edged the more experienced Eddie Mitchell, 142, Beaumont.

Ike Fluellen, 164, Houston, and lanky Elmore Shannon, 172, Houston, engaged in a riotous battle. Both came out firing in the first. Shannon was tossing bombs from everywhere and the sharp boxing Fluellen had all he could handle.

It was anyone's fight through the first round. Fluellen, a really talented boxer with a fiery temper that has earned him the nickname "Bad Ike," began to assume control of the furious battle in the second. The bushy-haired Shannon got himself trapped in a corner but grabbed hold of Fluellen. The ref broke them and Fluellen stepped back and then fired a straight right hand to the pit of Shannon's midsection—it sunk wrist deep and it was like a shot out of a cannon. Elmore grimaced in pain and sagged to the deck. The ref didn't bother to count. Altho he dressed "Bad Ike" down for what he termed "hitting on the break" and allowed Shannon a few minutes rest but in obvious distress Shannon couldn't continue and was still hurting much later in the confines of the dressing room. It was a second round knockout for Fluellen and brought his record to 11-1-1 with the only loss coming by disqualification.

In a wild heavyweight brawl Vernon Johnston, 209, Beaumont, stopped stocky Greg Monroe, 206, Houston (formerly of Reno), in the second round. The pro debut of both. Johnston and Monroe swapped heavy punches during the first two minutes of the opening round. Monroe sent Johnston reeling backwards with a clubbing right hand, and followed with a smashing right hand to Johnston's body.

However, the Beaumont heavy began to score effectively with the left jab and during the last 15 seconds of round one he landed a vicious right uppercut to Monroe's jaw and the Houston battler went down but was up at nine as the bell rung. It was obvious from the beginning that these two hard hitting heavies were intent on scoring a kayo. During an exchange against the ropes, Johnston landed another booming right hand and the willing Houstonian found himself on the seat of his pants. He was scrambling to his feet, but the ref signalled it was all over and Johnston was a TKO winner midway of the second round.

▲CL's Club, Jacinto City, Texas — Kenny Weldon, former Texas featherweight champion, won a unanimous 10 round decision over game Juan Barra of Santiago, Chile. Weldon, one of the real top fighters in the Lone Star State, simply outboxed and outsmarted his smaller foe.

Weldon, who has wins over some good people, has lost to Frankie Otero, Jose Fernandez, and Ricardo Garcia, but on a given night is subject to whip that trio of worthies or any featherweight in the world. A turnaway crowd of 1,000 witnessed the action. Weldon weighed 126, Barra, 124.

Chris Baxter, 158, Houston, wasted little time in blasting Chon Silva, 155, San Antonio, out of the picture in the very first round. Baxter kept his unbeaten record going and was his usual brawling self.

Raymond "Pink Panther" Boyd, 150, Houston, made a successful comeback by knocking out Torito Rivas, 147, San Antonio, in the second round. Sweet Raymond was one of the more colorful fighters to come out of Houston a few years ago, and always gave the fans something to holler about. Baby Rodriguez, 145, San Antonio, hammered out a four round decision over Rodney Cooper, 147, Houston, in a crowd pleaser.

▲My pal Gene Wells (Mobile Gene) continued to win. Recent victories over Jesse Lara, Rene Pinder, and Marcel Clay. An excellent boxer-puncher who can take a prodigious wallop to the whiskers without stepping in postholes—of course, Gene doesn't believe in getting hit too much. He recently gave Tony Licata all he could handle in Mobile and lost by 10 round decision.

Doc Deneaux, the former welterweight from the Carolinas, doing okay for himself here in Houston. Doc fought Don Bowman, Johnny Breitenbruck, and many others during the 40's and early 50's. You can always spot Doc around the fights and often works corners. . .John Wilson the Houston Chronicle columnist recently gave the writer, Cookie Wallace and Melvin Mott a nice story.

It dealt with my association with Wallace and Mott and the pro boxers' service to their communities. Wallace, a rugged heavyweight, in the Dallas area and Mott, a clever 175 pounder, in the Houston area. . .We want to commend James Busceme, Sr. for the truly magnificent job he has done in handling his son James Busceme, Jr. Mr. Busceme is one of the better trainers in these parts as evidenced by Bubba's great amateur record and his 8-0 money record.

FOUR MILLION IN COMMERCIALS CAN'T CARRY BIG FIGHT, CBS REVEALS

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Cross said that his organization was not in favor of hasty action and that it would be from three to six months before it did anything definite on boxing.

"I believe that any man should be able to see the televised production of any fight in his home."

This, of course, is contrary to the ideas of Video Techniques and Don King.

Chirkanian added, "We do not want to put on a Bum of the Month series. We also know how tought it will be to bring back championship contests to the United States."

In closing, Cross said, "When we get into this enterprise, we will have no city with bad reception."

PUNCH LINES

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Jewish at all. . ."

If the writer had ever seen Baer fight, he'd know that he always wore a Star of David on his trunks. And, no less an authority than his own son, Max Baer, Jr., said last week that his father was Jewish and his mother (Sullivan) was Irish.

On the basis of that, Max Baer was indeed Jewish.

W. G. Hemingway
San Clemente, Calif.

DECRIES FRAZIER VS. ELLIS

WHY did Melbourne promoters match Jimmy Ellis with Joe Frazier? Was there any doubt as to what would happen? Did not Frazier prove his superiority over Ellis in their first meeting, with a five round KO? Was another meeting necessary to establish Frazier's complete superiority over Ellis? Fights like that do the game no good at all. Ellis is a gentleman and a sportsman and I do not like to see him hurt, perhaps permanently.

Fred Balsam
San Francisco, Calif.

CONTEH STOPS BENNETT ON KO IN 5TH ROUND

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Conteh cut loose with a barrage of blows that seemed to take Bennett by surprise.

The American backed against the ropes and tried to cover up, but Conteh kept punching at whatever was left of the target area, and this was an uncomfortable minute for Bennett, the bell intervening.

As he sat in his corner, Bennett was treated with an icepack under the right eye, his left eye also required attention.

Conteh's success had obviously given him confidence, and he looked the good champion he undoubtedly is as he came out for the fourth.

Then a long right from Bennett found its target on Conteh's face, and this stirred the champion into immediate action. A left hook to the face, and back on his heels went Bennett. The eye injury had worsened, and all of a sudden the American was struggling for survival.

That accurate jab, which had been a feature of Bennett's early success, was no longer as much in evidence. He was much too busy trying to avoid the furious attacks of the champion, who was superbly fit, and quite able to keep up sustained pressure until the bell ended the round.

Bennett was still on his feet, but his confidence had been shaken. It remained to be seen whether the punishment he had taken would prove too much, for he still looked able to give the champion a fight, and no one knew just how strong the American was.

Unfortunately Bennett wasn't destined to get the chance to prove his strength or his ability. After just 70 seconds of the fifth, referee Dakin called a halt, when the eye injury looked really bad, with the blood cascading from the wound.

So Conteh kept his crown, and having provided practically all the aggression no one could say he didn't deserve his victory. But it's always a bit of a let-down when any contest has to be stopped because of injury with the result uncertain.

I think Conteh was showing the sort of form that would have gained him victory anyway, and probably inside schedule. But this is mere conjecture. Who's to know what would have happened?

When Conteh said afterwards that he set out to soften up his man, I believe him. That was just what he did. He also confided that he had trained assiduously for this one, and could have carried on boxing all night. Again I believe him.

I only hope that Conteh will soon be matched with the World Boxing Association representative, whoever he may be, to provide an UNDISPUTED World light-heavyweight champion. This is what he would like, and would settle the issue once and for all.

OHIO BOXING

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Alliance, Ohio — Clarence Johnson, promoter, John McCafferty, matchmaker. Charly Johnson, 196, Alliance, kayoed Frankie Rodgers, 219, Uniontown, Pa. at 2:02 of round two. Gary Alexander, 162, Alliance, halted Joe Blair, 159, Akron, at 1:23 of round four.

Ernie Witt, 153, Akron, drew with Robert Johnson, 152, Alliance, six rounds.

Columbus — Dr. Joel Ginsberg-promoter — Red Banks-matchmaker. Bill Douglas, 176, Columbus, kayoed Karl Zurheide, 180, Milwaukee, Wisc., in the 3rd round. Keith Averette, 145, Akron, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Oliver, 144½, Dayton, 8 rounds. Tommy Prater, 204, Indianapolis, halted J. D. McCauley, 214, Columbus, in the 4th. Fred Jones, 215, Columbus, stopped Reggie Flemming, 195, Cleveland, in the 1st round. Harvey Wilson, 118, boxed a draw with Pee Wee Emmerson, 118, Cincinnati, 6 rounds. Bobby Moody, 145, Columbus, kayoed Mike Harris, 135, Cleveland, in the 3rd.

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